

WJAC-TV

Quarterly Problems Program Report

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**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT
ASCERTAINED ISSUES
APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2001**

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***REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.**

Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
RICKI LAKE	10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
MAURY POVICH	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00
EXTRA	1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	24:00
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00

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PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

RICKI LAKE – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show concentrates on one topic and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

MAURY POVICH – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial and social issues. The show concentrates on one topic and follows an interview format with expert consultants and guests. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

EXTRA – A national syndicated program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs Monday – Friday, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

NEWSCENTER 6 - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME APRIL

4/02/01, 11 PM, Monday Miranda Gresko

RIOT PREVENTION MEETING

Tonight, there was standing room only at a State College Borough council meeting. People gave their ideas on how to prevent future disturbances like the riot that rocked the borough a little over a week ago. Miranda Gresko has more on the solutions of residents to keep the peace.

1:45 – Package

Catherine Dauler – Council member

Herb Sharp – State College resident

4/16/01, 5:30 PM, Monday John Hockenberry

EYE WITNESSES

Being an eyewitness to a crime is serious business. Often it's the difference between an accused man being sent to prison or set free. So what kind of witness would you be and what does it take to be a good eyewitness? John Hockenberry has a preview of a special interactive Dateline.

1:33 – Package

4/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

ANTI-VIOLENCE PLEDGE

It started with the random murder of a classmate. Now, an anti-violence movement at Johnstown High School is gaining momentum. Students there are determined to make a difference.

1:28 – Package

Portia Witten – Organizer

Curt Davis – Student Assistant Coordinator

4/18/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

RAPE VICTIMS AND THE COURTS

For victims of sexual assault, trying to get their cases through the legal system can be frustrating and humiliating. As Gary Sinderson reports, many times the court system can fail victims and their families despite their good intentions.

1:30 – Package

Anne Ard – Womens Resource Center

Ray Gricar – Centre County District Attorney

Denise Scotland – Coalition Against Violence

4/18/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Beverly Kirk

KIDS / VIOLENCE

A new campaign aimed at preventing youth violence is now under way. It's called "Adults and Children Together" or "Act Against Violence." The goal is helping parents, teachers, and other caregivers learn to teach young children to resolve their conflicts without violence. Beverly Kirk reports.

1:30 – Package

Parker Anderson – Act Against Violence

Dr. Norine Johnson – President, Am. Psych. Assoc.

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME APRIL

4/18/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

It is a program meant to give survivors of sexual assault a sense of empowerment. The "Take Back The Night" program offers hope and healing. Miranda Gresko reports.

1:26 – Package

Anne Ard – Women's Resource center

Jessica Prowant – State College

Jenny Thrasher - State College

4/19/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

ANTI-VIOLENCE PROGRAM

What are the warning signs a situation could turn violent, and what can you do to protect yourself? Tenth graders from Johnstown High School participated in a day-long violence prevention program on the Pitt-Johnstown campus.

:35 – SOT/VO

Rob Heinrich – S.O.S. advisor

4/19/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

ROAD RAGE

On tonight's episode of E.R., a woman took her hostilities out on the road, endangering herself and others. Research shows incidents of road rage are up 50 per cent, accounting for almost two-thirds of fatal accidents. Dr. Leigh Vinocur has more.

1:28 – Package

Cpl. Robert Moroney – Maryland State

Dr. Barbara Curbow – Social & Behavior Sciences

4/20/01, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

MASSAGE THERAPY/ IDENTIFYING CRIMINAL ACTION

The arrest of a local massage therapist for inappropriate conduct is raising questions about the do's and don'ts of massage. Julie Sidoni talked with a therapist about it and she joins us live now with important information on how to know if your therapist crosses the line.

1:36 – Package

:24 – Live

Janet Yoder – Certified therapist

4/24/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

This week – all around the world – it is National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Victims of violent crime come together, share their stories and ideas to prevent crime, and vow to take back the night. Julie Sidoni was at Cambria and Somerset Counties' version of "Take Back the Night" and she joins us now live with more.

1:07 – Package

:22 – Live

Allen Joseph – State Corrections Dept.

Tracey Cook – Victim's Services

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME APRIL

4/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

RIOT PREVENTION

In an effort to address the riot problem in State College, officials of Penn State and the city of State College have announced nine new initiatives in riot prevention.

:36 – SOT/VO

Tom King – State College Police Chief

4/26/01, 5 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

CHILD ABDUCTION

Child abduction is one crime that doesn't happen too often but when it does, it's law enforcement's highest priority. Some 9-1-1 emergency centers have gone to great lengths to make sure your children are protected, and one of them is closer to home than you may realize. Julie Sidoni has more in this NewsCenter 6 special report.

3:21 – Package

Robbin Melnyk – Cambria County 911

Jim Dahm – Belleville PD, St. Louis

4/26/01, 11 PM, Thursday Brigette Langmade

SCHOOL SHOOTERS

School shootings have become an all too common tragedy in the two years since the deadly rampage at Columbine High School. But as schools strive to become safer, juvenile privacy laws may keep police from telling parents everything they know about the criminal inside your child's school. So are local privacy laws putting your child in danger? Brigette Langmade from our Washington D.C. newsroom has the answer in this special report.

1:55 – Package

B. Thomas Leahy – Superior Court judge

Willie B. Smith – Youth Correctional Services

David Doi – Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Corey Kean – PA Juvenile offender

4/27/01, 11 PM, Friday Brigette Langmade

SCHOOL SHOOTERS PT. 2

It's been two years since Columbine and barely two months since the deadly shooting at Santan High School in California. The on-going violence has authorities at every level and communities across the country trying to stop the next rampage before it starts. In part 2 of a NewsCenter 6 special report, Brigette Langmade gives us a glimpse at some of the prevention efforts and what she uncovered may change the way you think about school shooters.

2:54 – Package

Mary Ellen O'Toole – FBI Special Agent

David Doi – Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Simon King – High School Principal

Shelly Spizuoco – Mental Health professional

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME MAY

5/10/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

ABUSE FOLLOWUP

A Cambria County couple is behind bars tonight charged with abusing their children for over a decade. Tonight there are many questions about how it could have gone on for so long. Jon Meyer joins us now live with more on the signs to look for in an abusive situation.

1:12 – Package

:14 – Live

Catherine Volocko – Foster mother

Marybeth Rouch – School Psychologist

5/10/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

IRS

Where are your tax dollars going? A new report from the Treasury Inspector General finds thousands of I-R-S workers are using taxpayers' time and money for on-line gambling and pornography. Landra Booker is working this story and she joins us live now from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:02 – Package

:18 – Live

Tom Schatz – Consumer advocate

5/15/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

USED PHONES

Domestic violence groups across Pennsylvania are arming women with a new weapon in the battle against abuse, cellular phones. This is the third year the Women's Help Center of Cambria and Somerset counties has participated in the Pennsylvania Coalition against domestic Violence program. Women who fear for their safety can get a free cell phone to dial 9-1-1 for help.

:53 – SOT/VO

Cheryl Hassell – Community Education Specialist

5/16/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

CAMP CADET

For years, the camp Cadet program in Bedford County has given kids an inside look at law enforcement in a setting that teaches discipline and teamwork. It is a program that hopes to forge a relationship between young people and police and ultimately deter crime. Now State Police at Somerset are teaming up with County adult and youth agencies along with area businesses to create a program there.

:47 – SOT/VO

Trooper Tim Sprowls – PA State Police Somerset

5/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

BLACK & BLUE

They put their lives on the line every day, but how much confidence do we have in our law enforcement personnel? Even some police are asking that question in light of the recent bombshell about FBI mistakes in the Oklahoma Bombing case. With more on the challenges facing law enforcement, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:05 – Package

:22 – Live

Lt. Drew Clemson – Ferguson Twp.

Denny Nau – Centre County sheriff

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CRIME MAY

5/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Sherry Stalley

DRUG WRONG DOINGS

Did police overstep their power while investigating an accused oxycontin user? That's the issue in a case that questions the Constitutional rights of everyone in a debate that is being decided in Cambria County. At the heart of the matter, do police have the right to get your prescription history from a pharmacist without a court order if they suspect you of doing something wrong? Sherry Stalley is following this case and joins us now live with more.

:59 – Package

:18 – Live

Pat Moore – Swope's attorney

5/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Andy Gastmeyer

FISHER BACKGROUND

Now we have an investigation for you into claims made by the state's top law enforcement official about the thousands of drug arrests that have been made since he took office just a little over four years ago. While no one debates the wisdom of aggressively cracking down on drug trafficking across the state, what happens after the bust? Andy Gastmeyer from our sister station in Pittsburgh found that some of the results there simply don't match up with the claims.

2:14 – Package

Mike Fisher – Attorney General

Sonya Giles – Pittsburgh

5/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Sherry Stalley

EVIDENCE TRAINING

A bizarre crime scene unfolded this afternoon in Cambria County where officers from across the area collected evidence and searched for fingerprints. Police were learning what it takes to solve a crime and collect evidence properly. Sherry Stalley has more.

1:07 – Package

Sgt. Robert Payne – Evidence Collection Expert

5/29/01, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

ROBBERY RATE

The rash of robberies in our area is close to setting records. The FBI says Central Pennsylvania is on track to have more robberies this year than ever before. Around here we know that banks aren't the only targets. All around the area, people are on extra alert and that's proving to be very helpful to the police. Jon Meyer is live in Johnstown with more.

1:04 – Package

:17 – Live

Detective Kevin Lehman – Richland Township Police

Sgt. Daniel Krauss – State Police Bedford

5/30/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

JUMP PROGRAM

With more kids facing more serious problems these days, Centre County's Probation Department is recruiting mentors for a new approach to help those in need of guidance.

:36 – SOT/VO

Tom Young – Centre County Probation Dept.

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5/31/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Victims of rape, domestic violence, or child abuse often come in contact with many individuals trying to help them. Cambria county leaders are trying to make the process easier by developing uniform procedures to better serve victims and prosecute offenders.

:51 – SOT/VO

Wanda Vavrek – Victim Services, Inc.

5/31/01, 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

TEENS / BOOZE

President Bush's twin 19 year old daughters are in trouble with Texas authorities for trying to buy alcohol with a fake I.D. A new Gallup poll says most teens find it easy to get booze. Maybe it is getting less difficult or maybe kids are just getting more creative. Julie Sidoni is working this story and she's live now with more.

1:18 – Package

Frank Newport – Gallup Editor-In-Chief

Scott McLachlan – Scott's By Dam

Norman Sunday – Bargain Beer & Pop

CRIME . . . MAY

Extra **5/07/01**

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra looks at what a woman's options are in case of an attack. After demonstrating the typical reactions of most women, Extra goes to Gold's Gym in Hollywood where Paxton Quigley teaches women to defend themselves. Paxton offers advice and demonstrates techniques that are most successful.

Show #: 7209

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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6/01/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

BLESSFEST

State College area's religious community is the latest to express concerns about the recent riots in Happy Valley. Community church leaders have come up with a plan for the riot prevention effort. With more on how religion, riots, and the upcoming Arts Festival are all tied together, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

:43 - Package

:14 - Live

Rev. Patricia Woolever - United Methodist Church

Gene McCallips - Fairbrook United Methodist Church

6/11/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

WASHINGTON REACTION

Following the execution of Timothy McVeigh, President Bush issued a statement saying the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing have been given justice, not vengeance. But anti-death penalty protesters disagree. With more on reaction to McVeigh's execution, let's go live to Alison burns.

2:00 - Package

:17 - Live

Chuck Campbell - Federal employee

Art Laffin - Protester

6/12/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jeff Levkulich

CHILD ABUSE

A new report out shows that the number of child abuse cases is declining in Pennsylvania. How does our region stack up? Jeff Levkulich reports.

1:28 - Package

Georgette Ayers - Blair County CYS

Donna Gority - Blair County Commissioner

6/12/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

COMBINED SERT

A police department's special emergency response team probably isn't something you think about very often. But when they're needed, it is the members of that SERT team who take control of a life or death situation, and that takes practice. Julie Sidoni has the story.

1:55 - Package

Chief Lou Barclay - Conemaugh Township Police Department

Jerry Bellak - Sert Team leader

Georgette Ayers - Blair County CYS

Donna Gority - Blair County Commissioner

6/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

SPEED TRAP

State police say they're keeping close watch on traffic through the many construction zones in the region. Many motorists have been speeding through those zones in recent weeks, creating a risk to other motorists, themselves, and the construction workers.

:35 - SOT/VO

Trooper Steve Barto - PA State Police Ebensburg

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6/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY

Violent crime in America is on the decline. The Justice Dept. today released the results of the latest survey that shows the number of violent crimes has dropped by about 15 percent to the lowest level on record. Landra Booker is live in our Washington D.C. bureau now with more on the numbers and the reasons behind the drop.

1:18 – Package

:16 – Live

6/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

VIOLENCE SEMINAR

Gangs are here. Once thought to be only a "big city" problem, violence from gangs is on the rise right here in West Central Pennsylvania. And as Miranda Gresko tells us, learning how to deal with gangs can go a long way in preventing and stopping violence.

1:52 – Package

John Michalec – Ritualistic Crime Director

6/20/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

RIOT PREVENTION HELP

In the wake of recent riots, more changes are in the works for downtown State College. Now borough officials are zeroing in on what to do about balconies on high rise buildings. Police say the balconies serve as launching pads from where all kinds of objects are thrown down on them. With an update on the riot prevention measures, Gary Sinderson joins us live now from State College.

:52 - Package

:18 – Live

Carl Hess – State College planner

Tom King – State College Police Chief

6/28/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jon Meyers

INVESTIGATION RECONSTRUCTION

Anytime there's a fatal accident like the one that occurred this morning in suburban Johnstown, it is up to police to determine the exact sequence of events leading up to the crash. While drivers were angry this morning at the closing of Goucher Street, Jon Meyer tells us there is no room for mistakes. He's standing by live with more.

:55 – Package

:11 – Live

Mike Burgan – Richland Township Police

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4/04/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

CHARTER SCHOOLS

Are Pennsylvania's charter schools making the grade? The State Teacher's Union says no; they say charter schools are hurting public education.

:45 – SOT/VO

Lucy Harlow – PA State Education Association

4/06/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Rick Shepard

TOO MUCH HOMEWORK

A second-grader with 2 & ½ hours of homework or a high-schooler pulling all-nighters to make the grade are the kinds of situations that are becoming more frequent. How much is too much when it comes to homework? Has homework gotten out of hand? Rick Shepard takes a look.

2:22 – Package

Cherise Daniel – 7th Grader

Sharon Linamen – Parent

April Linamen – High School Junior

Diann Coleman – 7th Grade Teacher

Diane Conley – School Administrator

4/12/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

WORKFORCE NEEDS

It's a first step in what will be a growing awareness on the part of educators into what students must learn to be effective in business. The ties between education and the workforce needs of Bedford County employers were discussed today at Chestnut Ridge High School.

:41 – SOT/VO

Dr. Tom Otis – Superintendent

4/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Carmen Grant

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

For some parents, sending their child to college can be a joyous time. However, it can also lead to money woes. NewsCenter 6's Carmen Grant has the story on what help is available for parents paying for college.

1:30 – Package

Debbie Duke – Parent

David Pearlman – Director of Student Aid

4/17/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

PA SCHOOLS

A recent study ranks Pennsylvania 43rd in the nation when looking at student achievement. But educators say the condition of our schools is actually improving. Now they are asking for the public's input to make sure the trend continues. Miranda Gresko reports.

1:30 – Package

Allan Schoonover – Penns Valley Superintendent

Rep. Benninghoff – State Education Committee

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4/17/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

ABORTION PILL

The highly controversial abortion pill won't be making its way into most college clinics. A recent study among thirty U.S. colleges shows that most won't be making RU486 available to its students. While campus officials refuse to order the drug, students have mixed views on the issue.

:49 – SOT/VO

Amy Vay – PSU Senior

Jess Ronczka – PSU Senior

4/24/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

BULLIES

A new study in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association says that bullying is a serious problem for American youth, no surprise as it has played a part in several incidents of school violence. The Journal found that 30 percent of sixth to tenth graders surveyed were involved in bullying, either as the target or the bully. Beverly Kirk has the latest from Washington.

1:30 – Package

Tonja Nansel – National Institute of Health

Paul Houston – Assoc. of School Administrators

4/26/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

COLLEGE BETTING

A basketball player from Penn State is joining University coaches and administrators in the nation's capitol to lobby against college sports gambling. It's only legal in the state of Nevada. But Alison Burns is standing by live to tell us that it impacts universities and athletes across the country.

1:21 – Package

:17 – Live

Titus Ivory – PSU Basketball player

Sen. John McCain – Arizona

Sen. John Edwards – North Carolina

4/26/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Julie Sidoni

DISTANCE LEARNING

It's called "distance learning," and it's changing the way elementary students see science, math, and technology. Organizers say they're hoping students will be so impressed that they'll stick around the area after they graduate. Julie Sidoni has the details.

1:08 – Package

Brandon Jones – Starbase

Justin Lober – Student

Laura St. Clair – Student

4/27/01, 5 PM, Friday Miranda Gresko

INTERNSHIPS AND JOBS

The nation's economy is slowing and with more people graduating from college and looking for jobs, it can be tough to stand out. But internships or coops are ways students can gain valuable experience and build their resumes at the same time. Plus, internships sometimes lead to full-time employment. Miranda Gresko has more in this NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

2:49 – Package

Dr. Darwin Kysor – Career Services

Michael Hubert – JC Blair Human Resources

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4/30/01, 11 PM, Monday Julie Sidoni

READ SUCCEED

We've all heard of teaching children how to read, but now there is a program in one Cambria County school district that's taking a different approach from the traditional. It's called "Read to Succeed" and it's getting remarkable results. Julie Sidoni joins us live now with the story.

1:15 – Package

:21 – Live

Leslie Stair – Child in program

Dr. Nancy Neil – PA Dept. of Education

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5/2/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

STUDENT LOANS

Many college students are graduating this year and entering a new phase of their lives. As they do, they'll take at least one part of college with them – their students loans. And those loans are getting bigger than ever.

:45 – SOT/VO

Jeanine Grosholz – UPJ Financial Aid

5/14/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

TYRONE ARMED POLICE

A rural school district in Blair County is now arming its police officers. As Lisa Stofko reports, the change is not a reaction to any one incident, but a proactive measure to prevent violence.

1:35 – Package

Chief Mark Frailey – Tyrone Schools

Dr. William Miller – Superintendent

Michele Dutrow – Safe School Liason

5/16/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

TEACHER REACTION / BRAZILL

Twenty-five years in prison was the sentence handed down for Nathaniel Brazill, the teen who shot his teacher. So is this conviction justice in the eyes of educators in light of the violence that has rocked our schools? One area teacher explains the two different perspectives when looking at the conviction of a young person.

1:44 – Package

Lonnie Luna – PSEA President

5/17/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

SAFETY BUG

How do you teach high school students that drinking and driving don't mix? Kids from Shade & Shanksville got behind the wheel of the "safety bug," a car that stimulates drunk driving. After the ride, students donned a pair of goggles that simulates the vision of a person who has been drinking. It was all an effort to show students that what teachers tell them about drinking and driving is really true.

1:20 – Package

Dannil Sogor – Safety Bug instructor

Marcy Stutzman – Senior

Marlana Hay – Senior

Michele Kabala – Senior

Seth Leach – Senior

Joe Kimmel – Principal

5/22/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

CITY SCHOOLS

Despite less money, less resources, and greater challenges, urban school systems are making great gains. The first nationwide study of the country's largest school districts was released today. There were definite reasons to celebrate. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

2:00 – Package

Rod Paige – U.S. Sec. Of Education

Mike Casserly – Great City Schools

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SCHOOL VIOLENCE

New statistics show that acts of school violence are declining in the Keystone State. Local school officials credit proactive measures.

:39 – SOT/VO

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

5/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

SCHOOL VIOLENCE REDUCTION

Governor Ridge announced today that violence is sharply declining in Pennsylvania schools. As Miranda Gresko tells us, local school's are following the state's lead.

1:39 – Package

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

Shena Grassmyer – Tyrone High School

Adam Smith – Tyrone High School

Mark Frailey – Tyrone School Police

5/25/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Miranda Gresko

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The diocese of Johnstown-Altoona will mark its centennial anniversary this week. It's a special occasion and one causing people to reflect how the diocese has changed over the years. One change has been in the Catholic education. Catholic schools are now facing some of the same problems and struggles public schools faced a decade ago. Miranda Gresko has more.

1:32 – Package

Charles Koren – Diocese Education Director

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6/04/01, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SCHOOL BULLIES

If you send your kids to school everyday, you should know about school bullying. Dr. Jeffrey Parker spoke to parents and school leaders tonight about the importance of parental involvement in these situations.

:40 – SOT/VO

Dr. Matt Masiello – Cambria Adolescent Health & Wellness Council

6/06/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

SCHOOL HARRASSMENT

A new study tonight outlines the chances of your children experiencing harassment or bullying at school. The findings show that about eighty percent of students have been involved in a bullying incident, and the problem affects both boys and girls. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:30 – Package

6/11/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Landra Booker

SCHOOL AND RELIGION

Free speech versus the First Amendment – The Supreme Court took on the issue and handed down their decision concerning religion and schools. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker reports.

1:16 – Package

6/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

COLLEGE SPORTS

A blue ribbon panel takes a look at the state of college athletics and recommends sweeping changes, saying schools are not educating their student athletes. Beverly Kirk has the latest on the groups' report and if sweeping change is in the future.

1:44 – Package

Theodore Hesburgh – Knight Commission

Cedric Dempsey – NCAA President

Hodding Carter III – Knight Foundation

6/28/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Jim Hanchett

SEX REPORT

From the Surgeon General today comes a controversial report about the type of sex education children should get in the nation's schools. He says schools should emphasize wide ranging teaching about human sexuality. Jim Hanchett has more from Washington.

1:05 – Package

Dr. David Satcher – Surgeon General

Andrea Lafferty – Traditional Values Coalition

Ari Fleischer – White House Spokesman

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4/03/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

PEDIATRIC CARE

It's a parent's worst nightmare – your child is hurt and needs to go to the emergency room. Do you take him or her to the nearest hospital or should you go to a specialized pediatric trauma center? It can be a tough call. Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

2:50 – Package

David Lewis – Audra's Father

Dr. Richard Saladino – Children's Hospital

Tonya Shell – Children's Hospital

4/03/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

DRUG AND ALCOHOL STUDY

A just released in-depth survey of young people in Cambria County shows some disturbing trends in alcohol and drug use. The goal is now to use the study to create and monitor community programs designed to help.

2:19 – Package

Dr. Matthew Masiello – Physician Director

Curt Davis – Johnstown School District

4/04/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

LEUKEMIA PILL

Tonight there is a remarkable breakthrough for some forms of cancer. A simple pill has been produced that may actually be a cure.

1:30 – Package

Dr. Brian Druker – Oregon Health Science University

Susanne Dreggen – Leukemia patient

4/05/01, 5 PM, Thursday Lucky Severson

HAIR DYE DANGERS

Next time you're sitting in a hair salon, ponder this – the chemicals used to take gray hair off your head and years off your appearance may be a health hazard. Lucky Severson reports on a possible connection between hair dye and bladder cancer.

1:41 – Package

Bruce Palma – Hair stylist

Mimi Yu, PHD. – Professor of Preventative Medicine

4/05/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

PMDD

We've all heard of P-M-S and the problems it causes women. Now there's a new illness called P-M-D-D and it's causing a lot of confusion. About 5 percent of women have premenstrual dysphonic disorder.

:44 – SOT/VO

Dr. Elizabeth Orwick – OB-Gin

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4/05/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

COPD

There are new guidelines for the treatment of one of the leading causes of death in this country, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. At the core of the guidelines is greater awareness of the symptoms, which are often mistaken as normal signs of aging.

:52 – SOT/VO

Dr. Sidney Braham – American College of Physicians

4/05/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

The use of marijuana for medical reasons is a complicated and controversial issue that has made its way all the way to the Supreme Court. But one doctor says it can be an effective medicine

1:30 – Package

Dr. Dennis Petro – Neurologist

Kitty Tucker – Former marijuana user

4/06/01, 5 PM, Friday Jon Meyer

TATTOO VIRUS

A recent study finds that body art may be a bigger risk factor for hepatitis than doctors had realized. Jon Meyer has a report.

:58 – Package

4/10/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE

Concerns continue to grow over the use of prescription drugs. The National Institute of Drug Abuse announced today that the misuse of prescription drugs is a dramatically increasing and disturbing trend. Alison Burns is standing by live in our Washington D.C. newsroom with more on the problem.

1:15 – Package

:19 – Live

Dan Kellahan – Recovering addict

Dr. Alan Leshner – National Institute on Drug Abuse

Thomas Menighan – American Pharmaceutical Assoc.

4/10/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

SCHIZOPHRENIA VIRUS

Researchers have uncovered the strongest evidence yet that infection may play a role in one form of mental illness. Scientists at John Hopkins University have found traces of virus in some people with schizophrenia. Helen Chickering has details.

1:18 – Package

Dr. E. Fuller Torrey – Researcher

Dr. Robert Yolken – Neurovirologist

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4/11/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

NURSING HOME WEBSITE

For some folks, choosing the right nursing home for a loved one can be a tough choice. With dozens of facilities to pick from, how do you know which one is right for your family? Now help is just a click away.

:40 – SOT/VO

Edgar Snyder / Attorney

4/11/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

ACNE DRUG

For teenagers, dealing with acne is sometimes an embarrassing rite of passage. Now there's a new drug to treat the condition. The FDA has just approved Banzaclin, a topical antibiotic therapy for acne.

:39 – SOT/VO

Dr. James Leyden – Dermatology

4/11/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

SLEEP HELP

Insomnia is a living nightmare for one in twenty Americans. But there are techniques that can help. And a new study is offering encouraging news about non-drug therapy for the most common type of insomnia.

:47 – SOT/VO

Dr. Jack Edinger – Sleep Specialist

4/12/01, 5 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

FISH RECOMMENDATIONS

If you're pregnant or considering getting pregnant, there may be certain types of fish you should avoid. A leading environmental group released a study in Washington today about high levels of toxic metal mercury in fish. Alison Burns has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:51 – Package

Jane Houlihan – Environmental Working Group

Dr. Reigart – Pediatrician

Edith Hogan – American Dietetic Association

4/12/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

DOCTOR FATIGUE

On tonight's episode of "E.R." you saw how long and hectic residency hours are. While hospitals look to decrease medical errors, there's some concern that doctor fatigue may contribute to these mistakes. Dr. Leigh Vinocur reports.

1:28 – Package

Dr. Michael House – Second-year resident

Dr. Albert Wu – Associate Professor

4/12/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

ALCOHOLIC BRAIN

Researchers at the Medical University of South Carolina say they have found a significant difference in the brain activity of alcoholics and non-alcoholics when they are exposed to alcohol.

:38 – VO

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4/12/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

WEST NILE VIRUS

With warmer weather finally here, prevention efforts are being stepped up for the West Nile Virus. It's a virus that has spread quickly from being virtually unknown several years ago to resulting in the death of some New York City area residents last year. And there were cases reported in Pennsylvania.

:36 - SOT/VO

Bill Hoffman - Penn State Ag Sciences

4/13/01, 5 PM, Friday Danielle Reese

SKIN CANCER

Skin cancer, it can be deadly if you catch it too late. But some Georgia researchers are trying to find a way to make that an easier process. Danielle Reese has details.

1:57 - Package

Tom Millard - Battling skin cancer

Dr. Wendy Bollag - Researcher

4/13/01, 5 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

WALKING ENOUGH

Walking is a popular method of exercise, but is it enough? The answer depends on how fast and how often you walk.

:29 - VO

4/13/01, 11 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

SWIVEL KNEE

Each year, severe arthritis sends up to 200 thousand Americans to the operating room for knee replacement surgery. Now, there's a new option offered in some parts of the country, an artificial knee that swivels.

1:41 - Package

Bob Miller - Knee replacement patient

Toula Stamatopoulos - Knee patient

Dr. Wayne Goldstein - Orthopedic surgeon

4/16/01, 5 PM, Monday Diane Atwood

STREP BACTERIA

Many of us have come down with a case of strep throat. It's caused by a bacteria called group A strep. But there's another type called group B that lives in the large intestine. It's usually harmless, but as Diane Atwood explains, it can be deadly to some newborn babies.

2:15 - Package

Krista Lebeau - New mother

Dr. Ann Adams - Obstetrician

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4/16/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

HEART SCREEN

What if you could see into the future and know years ahead of time that you're at risk for heart disease? The early notice would give you time to make a few changes to reduce your risk now. Doctors think that is now possible with the use of a high definition ultrasound.

1:05 - SOT/VO

Dr. Frances Moriarty - Principal investigator

4/16/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

GASTRIC PACEMAKER

Gaining weight is hardly a problem for most people, but for a few - it's impossible. These people have a problem that essentially paralyzes the stomach.

:55 - SOT/VO

Dr. Brad Dworkin - New York Medical College

4/17/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

MEYERSDALE EMS

Smaller E.M.S. services are in need of help, but they say most of the money is going to big cities. Officials say that with the aging population in this area, their work is needed more than ever. But without more financial support it may be impossible. That was the word as officials with the Meyersdale Ambulance met with an area congressman.

:57 - SOT/VO

Janice Gauntz - Meyersdale Area Ambulance

Rep. John Murtha - 12th District

4/17/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Helen Chickering

ORGAN DONATION

Today the Department of Health and Human Services launches an aggressive campaign to boost organ donations. Helen Chickering has details.

1:20 - Package

Tommy Thompson - Health & Human Services Secretary

Harry Pearce - General Motors

Dr. Moritsugu - Deputy Surgeon General

4/17/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Sherry Rauh

FIGHTING STRESS

Stress is an everyday part of life for most people. How can we learn to make the best of it? Is there a way to turn it around for our advantage? Sherry Rauh reports.

1:14 - Package

Dr. Sandra Fryhofer - Internal Medicine

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4/18/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Marion Brooks

HYSTERECTOMY ALTERNATIVE

Women get hysterectomies more than any other surgical procedure, with the exception of C-sections. Most get them because of fibroid tumors, but one doctor says they aren't always necessary in those cases. There's a quicker, safer, alternative. Marion Brooks reports.

1:33 – Package

Terri Gilmore – Patient

Dr. Andrew Brill – OB-GYN

4/19/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

CRANBERRY CHLOSTEROL

There's new evidence that a fruit drink can help cut your cholesterol. A new study shows that certain compounds in cranberries can do just that.

:41 – SOT/VO

Amy Howell, PHD – Rutgers University

4/20/01, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

PREGNANCY ADVICE

Pregnant women often get advice from everyone, even complete strangers. But a new study has found that they may not be getting enough of it from their doctors. Helen Chickering has the details.

1:11 – Package

4/23/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

AVOIDING GERMS

Germs are a part of everyday life. They can cause the little "bug" we occasionally get, or worse. But is there anything you can do to protect yourself better from germs?

:55 – SOT/VO

Dr. Pat Tokarz -Inova Health Systems

4/25/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Mike Rosen

RICKETS

A bone-weakening disease that has been virtually non-existent in the U.S. for decades has been making a comeback. Doctors say rickets is making a comeback in part because children are not getting enough sunlight. Dr. Mike Rosen has details.

1:30 – Package

Dr. Norman Carvalho – Researcher

4/26/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

LUNG MACHINE

A new medical invention has people suffering from emphysema breathing a sigh of relief. University of Pennsylvania researchers unveiled the first implantable artificial lung. Dr. Mike Rosen has the details on this amazing breakthrough that should make breathing easier.

1:50 – Package

William Federspiel – University of Pittsburgh

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4/30/01, 5 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

NEW KNEE

Every year, more than 4 million Americans end up at the doctor's office with knee problems. But when it comes to fixing those injuries, there are a lot of options. How do you know which is best for you? Christie Seibert has the details in tonight's First Health.

2:20 – Package

Dr. William Colman – UCSF Orthopedic surgeon

4/30/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

SHOT DEADLINE

If you have any kids in school, they had better have their immunizations. If not, starting tomorrow, they'll be staying home. New regulations went into effect at the beginning of this school year and the PA Department of Health is ready to crack down. Christie Seibert joins us live now to explain.

1:20 – Package

:18 – Live

Tom Bradley – Altoona School District

Dr. Timothy McNanee – Bedford Area School District

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Maury 4/11/01

Host: Maury Povich

The women Maury meets today are looking for help. Each suffers from an overwhelming fear for just one thing and it has literally caused them to lose control of their lives. Maury introduces each woman to success coach Gary Cox with the hope that he can help them conquer their longtime phobias.

Show #: 0411-01 Syndicator: Studios USA

Extra 4/16/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra asks, "What's in your medicine cabinet?" If it looks more like a chemistry lab, it doesn't have to. These days there are a garden variety of herbal medications to cure whatever is ailing.

Show #: 7193 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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5/1/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

STROKE AWARENESS

Are you at risk of a stroke? Age, hypertension, diabetes, even elevated cholesterol are primary risk factors. How do you know if you're having a stroke?

:55 – SOT/VO

Dr. Gregory Billy – Staff Physiatrist Chrichton Center

5/1/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

MORNING AFTER PILL

Women of childbearing ages should routinely be offered prescriptions for the morning after pill. That's the word from the incoming president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

:39 – VO

5/2/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

SUICIDE PREVENTION

It is the eighth leading cause of death in the United States and today the U.S. Surgeon General called suicide a preventable problem. A coalition of public health groups released a national strategy for suicide prevention. Landra Booker has the details from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:57 – Package

5/3/01, 11 PM, Thursday Christie Seibert

SUPPLEMENTS

A nutrient that most people have never heard of has gotten the government's stamp of approval. It is now making its way onto nutrition labels. Research shows that it impacts everything from brain development to heart disease. Christie Seibert uncovers this super supplement.

2:07 – Package

Elizabeth Thompson – UNCH Nutrition researcher

Steven Zeisel, PH.D. – UNCH Nutrition researcher

Chrysa Mahoney – UNCH Nutrition researcher

5/4/01, 5 PM, Friday Rick Shepard

CANCER / GUIDELINES

Cancer is a diagnosis that no one wants to be handed. And for those battling the disease, there has always been debate about patients and their pain. Now there's a new book that gives some guidelines to help cancer patients get enough pain medication without turning it into an habitual need. Rick Shepard has more.

1:36 – Package

Dr. Beneditti – Pain management

5/4/01, 11 PM, Friday Christie Seibert

SUPER SUPPLEMENT 2

Peanuts, eggs, meat, and broccoli all have it, a nutrient that years of research show is as important to our health as folic acid. You've probably never heard of choline, but it is about to become an important part of your vitamin vocabulary. Christie Seibert has been following this super supplement as it makes its way onto nutrition labels.

2:27 – Package

Alan Ash – Coline study subject

Elizabeth Thompson – Nutrition researcher

Steven Zeisel, PH.D. – Nutrition researcher

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5/7/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

OATMEAL

A bowl of oatmeal a day could keep the doctor away. Oats have the ability to do good things for your health. Imagine a breakfast that could lower your bad cholesterol, keep your blood pressure in check, and ward off heart disease. Doctors say oatmeal can do all that and more.

:37 - VO

5/7/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

COFFEE / PARKINSON

Too much coffee may give you the shakes, but a new study finds the drink may actually help prevent Parkinson's Disease.

:29 - VO

5/7/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

ALCOHOL ABUSE / PILL

Some 14-million Americans are alcoholics, and for them, the battle with the bottle can be a fierce one. Now help may be available in the form of a new pill.

:28 - VO

5/8/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

PREGNANCY DETECTIVE

Every year, more than 450 thousand babies are born too soon. The rate of preterm delivery has increased by nearly 20 percent since the 1980's. Unfortunately, it's the leading cause of death in newborns. Although major improvements have been made in treating premature infants, there's been little success in understanding and preventing prematurity. But a team of medical detectives is changing that. Christie Seibert shows us the breakthrough research that is helping reshape the way doctors and women treat pregnancy in tonight's First Health.

2:13 - Package

David Savitz, PH.D. - Lead investigator

Anna Siega - Ritz Co Investigator

5/8/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jim Hanchett

MEDICAL ERRORS

Many doctors and nurses see lives saved everyday. Now a new survey indicates they also see their colleagues regularly make mistakes, big mistakes. Jim Hanchett has more from Washington.

1:15 - Package

Dr. Donald Berwick - Healthcare Improvement Institute

Andrea Kabcenell - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

5/9/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

ALLERGY SEASON

It's that time of year again, when allergy sufferers find themselves doing battle with springtime pollen and mold. If you think this season is coming on strong, you're right. Christie Seibert is here with some of the symptoms and solutions for this year's bad bout with allergies.

1:14 - Package

Dr. Nick Masciotra - Specialist

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5/9/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

ANGER MANAGEMENT

We all get angry from time to time. It's only natural But what happens when people can't control their anger? It's a situation with serious repercussions. Tonight, Lisa Stofko begins a two-part special report on the need for anger management.

2:50 – Package

James Vizza – Psychologist

John Barron – District Justice

Roz Browne – Co-Facilitator

Linda Price – MHMR Clinical Director

5/10/01, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

ANGER MANAGEMENT PART 2

How well do you control your anger? Are you prone to snap when you become upset, or do you think before you act? In Part 2 of a NewsCenter 6 Special Report, Lisa Stofko shows us how people can learn to manage their anger and what's being done to teach area children how to solve problems peacefully.

3:35 – Package

Linda Price – MHMR Clinical Director

Corky McCabe – Federal Programs Coordinator

Patti Assia – 3rd Grade Teacher

5/10/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

WEST NILE VIRUS

The dangerous West Nile virus could soon be making an appearance in our area. The mosquito borne virus usually causes symptoms no worse than the flu, but it can be deadly to the young and the elderly. There's concern that it is making its way across Pennsylvania but there are some things you can do in your own home to prevent mosquitoes from breeding.

:40 – SOT/VO

Jim Barefoot – Conservation District

5/11/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Kurt Gregory

OXYCONTIN STOPPED

A big step by the makers of a powerful painkiller that is being blamed for dozens of overdoses in our region and more than a hundred across the nation. Pardu Pharma, the maker of oxycontin, is stopping all shipments of the higher doses of the pill which is designed to help people with chronic pain. Kurt Gregory reports.

:55 –Package

John – Teenage oxycontin user

Shane Miller – Pharmacist

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5/11/01, 5 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

EAR TUBES

For children who keep getting ear infections, or for those whose infections won't respond to antibiotics, ear tubes are an option. A new study done in Pittsburgh looked at whether tubes can prevent developmental delays associated with hearing loss due to the infections. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen is here with what the study found.

1:54 - Package

Jill Kohl - Grace's mom

Dr. Heidi Feldman - Children's Hospital

Dr. Ellis Arjmond - Children's Hospital

5/11/01, 5 PM, Friday Landra Booker

ALLERGY DRUGS

Popular allergy medications may soon be found over the counter. The FDA has been asked to make drugs like Claritin and Allegra available without a prescription. But the petition has triggered a battle between health insurers and pharmaceutical companies. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has the story.

1:27 - Package

John Adams - Allergy sufferer

Robert Spiegel - Claritin manufacturer

Harold Kramm - Pharmacist

5/11/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

HEADACHES

A new study is linking headaches in children to health problems as adults. The report published in the British Medical Journal finds that kids who have regular headaches stand a better chance of having more headaches as grownups.

:31 - VO

5/11/01, 11 PM, Friday Dr. Mike Rosen

HERNIATED DISK

There is a new procedure that cures a herniated disk with just a few minutes. It's done on an out-patient basis and could replace surgery and be used when conservative treatments, like rest, fail. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen has the details.

2:05 - Package

Richard Hunter - Back pain patient

Dr. Jack Kabazie - West Penn Hospital

5/14/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

COLORECTAL CANCER

All this week NewsCenter 6 is teaming up with Conemaugh Health System to bring you life-saving information in a special series called "Confronting Cancer." Each day this week we'll zero in on a specific type of cancer. We begin tonight with colorectal cancer. Even though it is the second leading cancer killer in the U.S., many people don't talk about it.

3:48 - Package

Dr. Bruce Duke - Conemaugh Health System

FROM 5 PM - 6:30 PM, WJAC-TV PROVIDED A PANEL OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR VIEWERS TO CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CANCER.

Are you doing your best to prevent colorectal cancer or to detect problems as early as possible? If not, Conemaugh Health Systems wants to get you started.

:52 - Package

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5/14/01, 11 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

CANCER PAIN

The American Cancer Society has released new cancer pain treatment guidelines for patients. The point is to help patients and caregivers better understand the options for treating cancer-related pain. Dr. Mike Rosen has more in this NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

2:13 – Package

Annie Costa – Cancer Patient

Dr. Jane Raymond – Allegheny General Hospital

5/15/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

PROSTATE CANCER

All this week NewsCenter 6 is teaming up with Conemaugh Health System to bring you life-saving information in a special series called "Confronting Cancer." Each day this week we'll zero in on a specific type of cancer. Tonight we're focusing on Prostate cancer. It's a fact of life for one out of every ten men. But unlike other cancers, men are more likely to die with prostate cancer than from it. That's because many prostate tumors start out small and grow slowly. Consequently, survival rates are excellent when cancer is found early on.

4:14 – Package

Dr. Shibani Warkiloo – Conemaugh Health System

FROM 5 PM – 6:30 PM, WJAC-TV PROVIDED A PANEL OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR VIEWERS TO CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CANCER.

5/16/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

BREAST CANCER

Now it's time for our special series "Confronting Cancer." As you know NewsCenter 6 has teamed up with Conemaugh Health System for this series and tonight we're looking at breast cancer. Most of you probably know someone who has battled breast cancer. It's a disease that strikes one in every eight women, but nowadays most patients are winning the battle against the disease. Early detection and new treatments are saving lives. We want to warn you that some of the video you're about to see is graphic.

4:05 – Package

Dr. Gerard Garuilo – Conemaugh Health System

FROM 5 PM – 6:30 PM, WJAC-TV PROVIDED A PANEL OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR VIEWERS TO CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CANCER.

5/17/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer is the country's leading cancer killer, claiming more than 150 – thousand lives each year. The only good thing about lung cancer is that its cause is easy to identify. According to the National Cancer Institute, cigarette smoking causes up to ninety percent of all cases.

3:05 – Package

Dr. Ibrahim Sbeitan – Conemaugh Health System

FROM 5 PM – 6:30 PM, WJAC-TV PROVIDED A PANEL OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR VIEWERS TO CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CANCER.

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5/17/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Mike Rosen

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

Controversy surrounds the University of Pittsburgh and the availability of the "morning after pill" at Student Health Services on campus. While it is given to patients requesting it, students argue that the pill is not available on advance request. Dr. Mike Rosen tells us why this has drawn the attention of the A.C.L.U. and other organizations. It's a NewsCenter 6 Special Report.

2:18 – Package

La'Tasha Mayes – Pitt student

Stephanie Birnberg – A.C.L.U.

Dr. Thomas Allen – OB-GYN

Karen Peterson – School of Public Health

5/18/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

SKIN CANCER

Tonight, we wrap up our week long series "Confronting Cancer" with life-saving information on the most common form of cancer doctors diagnose today. Every year, about one million people find out they have skin cancer. Half of us can expect to develop a cancerous skin lesion at least once by age 65.

3:52 – Package

Dr. Paul Rollins – Conemaugh Health System

FROM 5 PM – 6:30 PM, WJAC-TV PROVIDED A PANEL OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FOR VIEWERS TO CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING CANCER.

5/18/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Dr. Stephanie Clements

MEDICAL MYTHS

Alarming E-mails about women's health issues are common on the internet. Of course, none of us want to listen to rumors when it comes to our health. Dr. Stephanie Clements went straight to the experts to set the record straight about one particular health myth.

1:20 – Package

Dr. Sami Diab – Rocky Mountain Cancer Center

5/18/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

RURAL DOCTORS

The Senate is expected to vote on President Bush's tax cut bill next week. As part of his budget package, Bush has targeted a number of out-dated programs to cut. But like all new presidents, he is finding out that, in Washington, every government program has a defender. Such is the case for the program that supplies doctors for extremely rural areas. Julie Sidoni has the story.

2:19 – Package

Ron Mageau – Medical student

Elizabeth Duke – Health Resources

Rep. Jesse Jackson – Illinois

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5/21/01, 5 / 11 PM, Monday Dr. Mike Rosen

DOCTOR SHORTAGE

Doctors from the Pennsylvania Medical Society say that if things don't change, in just two years, we could have a real doctor shortage. So, if you think waiting rooms are crowded now, if you think it already takes a long time to see a doctor, it may only get worse. NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen reports.

2:33 – Package

Dorothea Clarke – Patient

Dr. Carol Rose – President, PA Medical Society

Charles Haeussner – Retired surgeon

Dr. Robert Thompson – OB/GYN

5/21/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

INTERACTIVE HOSPITAL

An area hospital has become the first in Pennsylvania to use new technology when treating deaf patients. UPMC Bedford Memorial can now provide instant help to patients who can't hear important information about their medical care. Jon Meyer is live now in Bedford with more.

1:29 – Package

:16 – Live

Anna Marie Grambling – UPMC Bedford Memorial

Bob Fisher – Deaf-Talk President

5/21/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Kathryn Pritchard

PLASTIC FACEMASK

Millions of Americans go through plastic surgery every year to make themselves look and feel better. But are there alternatives? Kathryn Pritchard reports on one called "cosmetic sculpture."

2:06 – Package

Kim Drautz – Owner, Cosmetic Sculpture

Cheryl Braida – patient

5/22/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

BIRTH CONTROL

When the birth control pill hit the market, it was one of the first times women could take their reproductive lives into their own hands. Now, more than thirty years later, women have even more options. Which is the best option for you? Here's a look at what is available.

2:17 – Package

Karen Young – Planned Parenthood

Marie-Annette Brown – Nursing professor

5/22/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

RED CROSS RESTRICTIONS

At a time when blood is already in short supply, the American Red Cross plans to tighten restrictions regarding donors who have lived overseas.

:42 – SOT/VO

Jen Mansfield – Public Relations

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5/23/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Margaret Radford

SICK VACATIONS

If you are traveling this summer, you may want to visit your doctor. Vacations are expensive and you don't want to spend yours staring at porcelain instead of the Eiffel Tower. Margaret Radford reports.

1:16 – Package

Cheryl Lacey – Tourist

Dr. David Spees – Certified travel doctor

5/23/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

BREAST CANCER VACCINE

Imagine the lives that could be saved if scientists were able to perfect a vaccine to prevent breast cancer. There are currently ten clinical trials of breast cancer vaccines throughout the United States, including one in Somerset County. The Joyce Murtha Breast Cancer Center at Windber Medical Center is partnering with Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington for the study. Lisa Stofko reports, it's cutting edge research with an eye toward a cure.

3:03 – Package

Marjorie Farabaugh – Potential candidate

George Peoples – Vaccine developer

Marian Bellack – RN/Case manager

5/24/01, 11 PM, Thursday Kathryn Pritchard

HAIR LASER

People suffering with rapid hair loss from medical conditions now have new hope. The therapy uses low laser energy to stimulate new hair growth and stop excessive hair loss. Kathryn Pritchard has the details.

2:16 – Package

Jack Moran – Hair Laser therapist

Paula Moran – Patient

5/25/01, 5 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

HEALTHY EATING

The former wife of the Duke of York, Sarah Fergusson, is aiming her diet message toward children. She speaks to kids about her struggle with weight.

:33 – SOT/VO

Sarah Fergusson – Duchess of York

5/25/01, 5 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

BLOOD PRESSURE DRUG

A popular drug used to treat high blood pressure comes under the FDA microscope. That is after one study suggested that it could do more harm than good.

:32 – VO

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5/29/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

STROKE AWARENESS

May is "Stroke Awareness Month" and Healthsouth has been conducting stroke risk assessments. The screenings take at most ten minutes but can determine a person's risk for a stroke and help them make adjustments.

:54 - SOT/VO

Kim Watson - Stroke Program Coordinator

Dr. Hugh Newman - Stroke Rehab Director

5/29/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Doreen Gentzler

HEALTHY SUMMER / ALLERGIES

With Summer comes all kinds of health concerns, ticks, mosquitoes, sunburn, and heat exhaustion. But probably the biggest complaint going into the summer months is allergies. It's those allergies that can keep a lot of people indoors even though it's beautiful outside. Doreen Gentzler reports.

3:02 - Package

Henri Hill - Allergy sufferer

Dr. Martha White - Allergist

5/29/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

DANGEROUS DOCS

Is your HMO doing enough to protect you from dangerous doctors? A new report says the answer is a surprising no! NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade reports that not reporting those dangers could mean the difference between life and death.

1:16 - Package

George Grob - Health & Human Services

Susan Pisano - American Association of Health Plans

Dr. Sidney Wolfe - Public Citizen

5/30/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Doreen Gentzler

HEALTHY SUMMER / LYME DISEASE

Every year, more than 15 thousand Americans get Lyme disease and many of them don't even know they have it. Doreen Gentzler continues her look at how to have a healthy summer.

3:30 - Package

Julie Elion - Suffered from Lyme disease

Dr. Margo Smith - Specialist

5/31/01, 5 PM, Thursday Doreen Gentzler

HEALTHY SUMMER / SPORTS DRINKS

For most of us, staying cool this summer means staying out of the sun and drinking lots of liquids. But what kind of liquids are healthiest for our bodies? Doreen Gentzler continues her look at a healthy summer by taking a look at all those fancy sports drinks we buy and whether they are the best way to quench our thirst.

2:49 - Package

Robyn Webb - Nutritionist

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5/31/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

FOOD ALLERGIES

Food allergies kill about 150 people each year and experts say that the allergy sufferers are not getting the information that they need to protect themselves. The industry has now released new guidelines to help consumers make safer choices. Landra Booker is following this story and joins us now live from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:30 – Package

:17 - Live

Anne Munoz-Furlong – Food Allergy Network

Michael Jacobson – Consumer advocate

5/31/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vincour

CHEMO WAFERS

On tonight's episode of ER, Dr. Mark Greene underwent a cutting edge medical procedure. He had chemotherapy wafers implanted in his brain. This new treatment was approved by the FDA for brain tumors in the last two decades. Dr. Leigh Vincour has the details.

1:30 – Package

Dr. John Eisenberg – Patient

Dr. Henry Brem – Neurosurgeon

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Maury 5/02/01

Host: Maury Povich

The guests on today's show prove you don't have to be tall to stand out in a crowd of people. These exceptional people have enormous personalities despite their small size. Maury looks at the abuse by peers suffered by children with dwarfism and lymphatic malformations.

Show #: 502-01

Syndicator: Studios USA

Extra 5/3/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the "hypnosis diet." It claims to be a low impact, stress free method that people of all ages have turned to. It allows the subconscious mind to be more accessible, which is the part of your mind responsible for your habits. Hypnosis allows you to change a whole range of behaviors, replacing negative habits with positive ones. Richard Schefren, executive director of Dynamic Changes in Manhattan describes the process.

Show #: 7207

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 5/11/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the "Real Age" diet. It's creator Dr. Michael Roizen claims that you can eat your way younger. New York nutritionist Barrie Wolfe reviewed the diet and offered his assessment of whether it lives up to its claims.

Show #: 7214

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Maury 5/16/01

Host: Maury Povich

Today Maury applauds the courageous and incredible kids that want to be judged for their hearts and not their looks. Some are primordial dwarfs and others suffer from disfiguring birthmarks. The kids discuss coping with their physical differences.

Show #: 516-01

Syndicator: Studios USA

Extra 5/22/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one feature entitled "Fast Food Facts," Extra goes undercover to examine the claims of low fat, low cal by fast food chains. Lab scientist Marvin Winston analyzed samples from a host of different menus to determine just what we are getting at fast-food restaurants.

Show #: 7223

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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Extra 5/23/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the loud, annoying, and in some cases deadly phenomena of snoring. Dr. Rob Veis, a Los Angeles dentist and national authority on sleep apnea, says snoring is a sign and symptom of obstructive sleep apnea. He advocates the use of a TAP appliance to keep airways open during sleeping.

Show #: 7224 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 5/30/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra examines a new weapon in the fight against melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. The molemax is a hand held microscope that allows dermatologists to look for changes underneath moles without cutting them from your body. Very subtle changes not clear to the naked eye can be more easily observed. Melanoma is diagnosed in more than 51,000 American every year.

Show #: 7230 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Maury 5/30/01

Host: Maury Povich

Maury feels that each child on today's show is very special because he or she lives life to the fullest despite suffering from a difficult physical condition. Premature aging disorder, a skin scaling disease, and youth baldness are all examined on today's show.

Show #: 214-01R Syndicator: Studios USA

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6/01/01, 5 PM, Friday Doreen Gentzler

HEALTHY SUMMER / DEPRESSION

We've known about Seasonal Affective Disorder for years. It can cause dramatic changes in people's moods and behavior. But the experts thought it was mostly a winter-time problem linked to a decrease in sunlight exposure. Now, though, researchers are finding out that people can also suffer from SAD in the summer months. Doreen Gentzler has more.

2:32 – Package

Dr. Rosenthal – Disorder Expert

6/01/01, 11 PM, Friday Gina Neville

CHILDREN DIABETES

New animal research could hold answers for children with type 1 diabetes and thousands of organ donor recipients. "Tolerance" is a process that tricks the immune system of monkeys into accepting transplanted tissue without the need for long-term anti-rejection drugs. Gina Neville reports.

1:45 – Package

Margaret Tresler – Organ recipient

Dr. Judy Thomas – Transplant surgeon

6/04/01, 11 PM, Monday Diane Atwood

DIABETES + HEART

A person with Type 2 diabetes is two to four times more likely to develop heart disease than someone without diabetes. Yet the two conditions are often treated separately. But as Diane Atwood reports, a new study will try to determine the best treatment for patients with both conditions.

2:10 – Package

Bob Gatcombe – Diabetes and heart patient

Dr. Martin Rutter – Diabetes specialist

Dr. Richard Nesto – Lead investigator

6/05/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dr. Mike Rosen

URINARY INFECTIONS

Urinary tract infections are a common problem in women with an estimated seven million cases each year in this country alone. But now new research presented at a major medical meeting points to one reason why some women keep getting the infection over and over again.

NewsCenter 6's Dr. Mike Rosen explains how bacteria sometimes go into hibernation and avoid the antibiotic.

1:30 – Package

Dr. Eugene Scioscia – OB-GYN

Todd Steck – Study Researcher

6/05/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Christie Seibert

HEROIN

Heroin in Pennsylvania is a tremendous problem that's only getting worse. But it is one the state Attorney General is taking on. This afternoon in Philadelphia the Attorney General shared his findings of an extensive and eye-opening report. Christie Seibert was there and joins us live now from Philadelphia with the details.

2:40 – Package

:16 - Live

Mike Fisher – Attorney General

Deborah Fowler – Son died from overdose

Kioami Castillo – Philadelphia

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6/06/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

MIDWIVES

Regulations for midwives vary from state to state. There are midwives who practice in Pennsylvania without any certification. Those who are licensed are typically nurses first who undergo additional training and certification through the American College of Nurse Midwives. They are then licensed by the State Board of Medicine. Lisa Stofko reports on how to find a licensed midwife.

1:48 – Package

Alice Ryan – Certified nurse midwife

Mike Farrell – CEO, Somerset Hospital

6/06/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

NEW MRI

Doctors use MRI's to help them diagnose medical problems. Now, thanks to new technology, MRI's can treat those problems as well.

:51 – SOT/VO

Dr. Mitch Berger – Neurosurgeon

6/06/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

SHOW FASHION & PAIN

The height of show fashion may feel more comfortable, but new research finds platform heels may put more strain on your joints than stilettos!

:55 – SOT/VO

James Slauterbeck – Orthopedic surgeon

6/06/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Dr. Christine Cha

SLOUCHING

Remember your parents telling you to quit slouching and sit up straight? Teachers and doctors say that advice is more important than ever if your kids want to avoid long term health problems. Those health problems are the result of long hours spent on computers both at home and at school. Dr. Christine Cha takes a look at an elementary school's program to take that computer stress away.

1:15 – Package

6/07/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Chris Clackum

MEASLE VACCINE

The search for something to treat lymphatic cancer patients leads researchers to the measles vaccine. They've found that the virus used to make the vaccine could be just as effective in treating lymphoma. Chris Clakum reports.

1:25 – Package

Dr. David Neumann – Researcher

Maurice Hillerman – Developed measles vaccine

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6/07/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jean Enersen

OVARIAN CANCER TREATMENT

Ovarian cancer is one of the deadliest types of cancer. Even when patients go into remission, the cancer often comes back and proves fatal. But a new drug could greatly improve the odds of long-term survival. As Jean Enersen explains, it is so easy to use that patients can administer it themselves.

1:21 – Package

Kimberly Sheldon – Patient

Dr. Pamela Paley – Gynecological Oncologist

6/08/01, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

METABOLISM

Need to lose a few pounds to fit into your swimsuit? Hit the weight room. A new study finds that lifting weights may be as important as aerobic exercise for women in the fight against fat. Helen Chickering has details.

1:00 – Package

6/08/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Dr. Christine Cha

CANCER / BIRTH CONTROL PILLS

Last night, we took a look at how one woman uses nose drops to battle ovarian cancer. Now, new research has provided another weapon against the disease. Dr. Christine Cha reports.

1:06 – Package

Dr. Michael Klotz – OBGyn.

6/08/01, 11 PM, Friday Kriss Fairbairn

OBESE KIDS

High blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, . . . they are all conditions that at one time showed up only in older people. Now they are becoming more evident in America's kids. Experts say that it could be a sign of increased child obesity. Kriss Fairbairn takes a look at how you can keep your child from becoming a statistic.

1:36 – Package

Catherine Wilbert – Wellness expert

Ashley Lucas, MD – Pediatrician

6/11/01, 5 / 11 PM, Monday Doreen Gentzler

VIAGRA & BLINDNESS

Viagra is one of the most popular prescription medicines in America. Now new research indicates the impotence drug may cause lasting vision problems. Doreen Gentzler reports.

2:37 – Package

Dr. Howard Pomeranz – Neruo-opthamolog

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6/12/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Landra Booker

SENIOR DRUGS

The cost of prescription drugs is skyrocketing, rising faster than inflation and far out-pacing what most older Americans can afford. Landra Booker has the results of the latest study from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:22 – Package

Joan Stroup – Medicare recipient

Ron Pollack – Families USA

Jeff Trewhitt – Pharmaceutical Research

6/13/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

MENSTRUAL MIGRAINES

Doctors have made a breakthrough that offers relief to millions of women who suffer migraines associated with their menstrual cycles. But a new treatment can stop the pain before it begins.

1:42 – Package

Stephen Silberstein – Neurologist

Dr. Edward Halperin – Radiation oncologist

6/13/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Dr. Max Gomez

HEART STEM CELL

Nearly half a million Americans die every year from heart attacks. Part of the reason is the damage to the heart muscle. Now, doctors are challenging one of medicine's long-standing beliefs – that a damaged heart muscle can't repair itself. But as Dr. Max Gomez reports, it turns out heart muscles may be able to do that after all, opening the door to a revolution in heart therapy.

1:50 – Package

Dr. Piero Anversa – New York Medical College

6/14/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

LIGHT MEDS KILL CANCER

Doctors are using a new medication activated by light to treat many disorders, everything from macular degeneration to skin disorders. But now they are using it to treat one of the most deadly forms of cancer.

1:19 – Package

Dr. Robert Cerfolio – Chief of Thoracic Surgery

Ralph Devere White – Cancer Center Director

6/14/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

EMERGENCY CARE ABROAD

It's something we all take for granted – that if we get hurt we can go to the hospital and see a doctor. But emergency care overseas is not always comparable to E.R.'s here in the United States. Dr. Leigh Vinocur has more on what every traveler needs to know.

1:33 – Package

Judy Baker – Travel Medicine Clinic
Dr. Van Rooyen – International Emergency Care

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6/15/01, 11 PM, Friday Barbara Morse

Glaucoma

Congenital or inherited glaucoma is the third leading cause of blindness in children. One in 8 thousand have the condition. The problem is, it is often mis or undiagnosed until its damage is done. But if detected early, there are treatments. Barbara Morse reports.

1:53 – Package

Sibyl Garcia – Nicole's Mom

Dr. David Walton – Pediatric Ophthalmologist

6/18/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

NEW EYE SURGERY

For people who don't want to deal with glasses or contacts, laser surgery has been the answer. But the FDA may soon approve the first non-laser procedure.

1:37 – Package

William Culbertson – Ophthalmologist

Dr. Carmen Brewer – Hearing & Speech Center Director

6/19/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

ANTI-WRINKLE DIET

Imagine being able to get ride of wrinkles by changing what you eat. That's what a new book says you can do. But how does it work? The story tops tonight's First Health.

52 – Package

6/21/01, 5 PM, Thursday Kriss Fairbairn

INFANT FOOD ALLERGIES

For millions of people, particularly kids, food can sometimes trigger a series of bad reactions. For children with food allergies, eating a peanut butter sandwich or drinking a glass of milk can cause a host of allergic reactions, some of which can be life threatening. Kriss Fairbairn reports.

1:32 - Package

Catherine Wilbert – Wellness expert

Dr. Ashley Lucas – Pediatrician

6/21/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocour

ALCOHOL ADDICTION

On tonight's episode of "E.R." you watched Dr. Carter and Abby try to control their addictions. They chose abstinence, but there are other ways to beat an addiction. Some experts say it can be managed with moderate drinking. Dr. Leigh Vinocour has more.

1:27 - Package

Dr. Robert White – Behavioral Health

Jeffrey Schaler – American University

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6/22/01, 5 PM, Friday Helen Chickering

HEART VAC

A vacuum in the operating room sounds strange. But doctors are using the powerful suction as they operate on beating hearts. Helen Chickering has the amazing story.

1:08 – Package

Jim Daugharthy – Surgeon

6/25/01, 5 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

HEART XPLANT

More than half a million people die from heart disease every year. That makes it the number one killer in the U.S. But a revolutionary surgery aims to change all that. Surgeons are trying to prove that cells taken from your arm can be injected into your heart to keep it pumping.

1:10 – Package

Dr. Robb MacClellan – Heart surgeon

Connie Lynch – Creator

6/25/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

DEHYDRATION

Dehydration can be very dangerous this time of year with the hot temperatures. Doctors at Altoona Hospital say excessive heat is the main cause as well as a lack of fluids.

:35 – SOT/VO

Dr. Matthew Bouchard – E.R. Physician

6/25/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

NATURAL RELIEF

We all know that too much sun isn't good for our skin. Yet there are times when we overdo it. The best treatment for sunburn is to prevent it. There are some who believe that nature's way coupled with a little common sense is best. Lisa Stofko is following this story and joins us now live with more.

1:30 – Package

:15 – Live

Heidi Klink – Central City

Wanda Gramling – The Wellness Store

6/25/01, 11 PM, Monday Dr. Robert Bazell

LOW CARB DIET

We've all talked about it at one time or another – losing weight. But what is the best way? The experts seem to disagree. Here's Dr. Robert Bazell with the truth about carbohydrates and fats.

2:20 – Package

Dr. David Ludwig – Children's Hospital Boston

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6/26/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Jenn Kallin

PARKINSON'S TREATMENT

There hasn't been a whole lot of options for Parkinson's patients, just medication. Now something called brain stimulation is offering hope.

2:21 – Package

Dr. Zachary Levine – Neurosurgeon

6/26/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

DIABETES FUNDING

A combination of star power and kid power testified before the Senate today about juvenile diabetes and the merits of stem cell research. It costs this nation about 105 billion dollars each year to treat diabetes. Brigitte Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. office.

1:14 – Package

Mary Tyler Moore – Actress

Daniel Thaller – Living with diabetes

Samantha Reddish – Parent of diabetic child

6/26/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Michelle Ruiz

HOME TEST KITS

You need a medical test but don't want to pay the high cost of going to your doctor. More and more people are now turning to home testing kits. But how accurate are they? Michelle Ruiz compares over-the-counter kits with the medical tests your doctor would use.

2:44 – Package

Andrea Stradling – Patient

Dr. Andre Ettinger – Internist

Doreth Green – Patient

6/27/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Rhonda Rowland

EMBRYO TESTING

Doctors now have the opportunity to diagnose diseases before pregnancy. With the mapping of the human genome, researchers can now do more than ever. But has science gone too far? As Rhonda Rowland reports, with all the medical advances, more and more people are raising ethical and moral questions.

2:47 – Package

Yury Verlinsky – Reproductive Genetic Institute

Dr. Hilton Kort – Reproductive Bio. Assoc.

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6/28/01, 5 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

ROOM SERVICE

Room service is not something you expect during your stay in a hospital. However, it is an amenity that's catching on across the country and it can be both educational and informative for patients. As Lisa Stofko reports, it's one perk that area hospitals expect may save money.

1:47 - Package

Paul Martz, Jr. - Patient

Cheryl Cramer - Diet Aide

Sharon Evon - Dietician

6/28/01, 11 PM, Thursday Dr. Leigh Vinocur

APHASIA

On tonight's episode of "ER," Dr. Green has trouble speaking after his brain surgery. The condition that is called aphasia and it affects a person's ability to communicate. Dr. Leigh Vinocur has more on one woman's struggle with the condition.

1:26 - Package

Joan McCarthy - Suffers from aphasia

Eileen Yankellow - Speech pathologist

Sue Griffin - Joan's sister

6/29/01, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

HOSPITAL ERRORS

The Institute of Medicine reports that as many as 98-thousand people die each year from medical errors. Now the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is enacting new standards Sunday that require hospitals to tell patients and their families when they've been hurt by a medical mistake.

:47 - SOT/VO

Jim Veronesi R.N. - Chief Nurse Exec.

6/29/01, 11 PM, Friday Dr. Max Gomez

ROBOTIC SURGERY

In most things today, it seems bigger is often better. But when it comes to the size of incisions, surgeons and patients usually take the opposite view. As Dr. Max Gomez reports, now tiny, moveable cameras allow surgeons to operate through smaller and smaller incisions.

1:25 - Package

Dr. Michael Black - Cardiovascular surgeon

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Extra 6/5/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines a new procedure to help people with severe vision problems. It is a contact lens that is implanted directly in the eye. The surgery takes just 25 minutes and corrects the problem permanently. The revolutionary treatment was developed by eye research pioneer Dr. Robert Maloney and is called Artisan Lens.

Show #: 7235

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/6/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines the claims of author Alicia Mundy in her book "Dispensing with the Truth" that the drug company who sold fen-phen had prior knowledge of the dangers the drug combination could create. She also berets the FDA for failing to protect the public by succumbing to the strong influence of the drug industry. The story details the devastating effects of the drug on the heart and lungs.

Show #: 7236

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/8/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In light of a recent outbreak of meningitis in Alliance, Ohio, Extra examines the symptoms and treatment of this frightening infectious disease. It strikes 5,000 people every year, and an average of 500 will die because of misdiagnosis. Dr. Larsen of USC explains the symptoms that differentiate meningitis from the common flu.

Show #: 7238

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/19/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

High heels, sexy stilettos, and strappy sandals; these shoes rule the runways of fashion. But these pesky pumps can lead to searing pain. Podiatrist Suzanne Levine has found a way to take the pain out of platforms. She treats tortured feet using the Cool Touch laser. In one segment of Extra.

Show #: 7247

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/20/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Lyme disease is most commonly found in the northeast and northwest areas of our country where deer roam freely. A simple trip to a woodsy area can leave you with a tick whose biting bacteria can make you seriously sick. Unfortunately, many people with Lyme disease are misdiagnosed, especially women. A new DNA test is correcting that situation.

Show #: 7248

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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Extra 6/26/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines alternative medicine. Sometimes the best medicine for what ails you may be no medicine at all. There is a new breed of healers that claim they can treat everything from carpal tunnel to cancer.

Show #: 7253

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/27/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra exposes the dangers of some herbal drinks. A whole new line of tasty teas and caffeine cocktails are pumping people up. However, the FDA is recalling 13 types of herbal drinks made by the Blue Light Company because they contain an acid that can cause kidney failure.

Show #: 7254

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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4/02/01, 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

AIRLINE QUALITY

The airline industry is promising today to improve customer satisfaction in the light of yet another new report bashing the nation's airlines for declining quality. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:33 – Package

Dean Headley – Wichita State University

Brent Bowen – University of Nebraska

Michael Wascom – Air Transportation Assoc.

4/04/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Chris Clackum

CREDIT CARD DEBT

Credit card companies are under attack tonight from consumer advocates. A research group says consumers are being gouged by outrageous interest rates and hidden fees on credit cards. Chris Clackum reports.

1:16 – Package

Ed Mierzewski – Public Interest Researcher

4/06/01, 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

SKY HIGH GAS

As if the recent rounds of sky high gas prices weren't enough, the Energy Department is predicting another bout of severe price jumps in gasoline for the summer. With just how much and why, Julie Sidoni joins us live.

1:05 – Package

:23 – Live

Mark Rodekohl – Economist

Ron Allison – Johnstown

Tammy Shetler – New Florence

Rachel Horner – Tanneryville

Montill Williams – AAA

4/09/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

COAL UTILIZATION

This past winter, we've seen prices for heating our homes and fueling our cars skyrocket. But at Penn State, research is underway to find new ways of using coal to help ease the energy crisis.

:42 – SOT/VO

Rep. John Peterson – Fifth District

4/09/01, 5 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

CRAZY CLEAN

We've become a nation obsessed with bacteria and viruses. Supermarket shelves are lined with soaps, gels, and sponges impregnated with antibacterial agents. But experts say antibacterial soaps are no more effective than regular soaps at getting rid of viruses and bacteria from our hands.

:51 – SOT/VO

Dr. Jon Rosenberg – Dept. of Health

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4/10/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

AIRLINE MERGERS

Today, American Airlines is the world's largest airline with its buyout of TWA but that may not be for long. The deal to merge US Air and United will create a still larger airline. So what effect does the merger mania have on customers flying out of local airports? Gary Sinderson joins us now with more.

1:10 – Package

:18 – Live

Ed Giannoe – Frequent Flyer

Charles Welch – Centre County Airport Director

4/12/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

DODGE RECALL

Now for a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert – 7 – hundred thousand Dodge Ram pickups are being recalled. In 21 states, including Pennsylvania. Their spring hood latch can corrode from salt, causing the hood to fly up.

:35 – VO

4/12/01, 11 PM, Thursday Mike Majchrowitz

TRUCK RECALL

Daimler Chrysler, struggling with weak sales, is now recalling nearly a million trucks for safety problems. The two large recalls both involve the Dodge Ram pickup truck and those aren't the only problems the truck has had. Mike Majchrowitz has the story from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:42 – Package

Joan Claybrook – Former Dir. NHTSA

Brian Wallace – Daimler Chrysler

4/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Carmen Grant

NOT TOYS

During Easter, bunnies, chicks, and ducklings become very popular. Some even wind up as gifts for young children. But as Carmen Grant reports, consumers need to think twice before buying a pet that will end up abandoned after the holidays.

1:02 – Package

Jacquie Smith – Store clerk

Beth Barr – Altoona mom

Carol Stultz – Humane Society

4/13/01, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

MEAT RECALL

A NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert – More than 14-million pounds of meat products could be contaminated with Listeria, a bacteria that can cause infection in pregnant women, infants, and the elderly. The Bar-S brand food items are being recalled nationwide.

:36 – VO

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4/16/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Tracy Davison

DRYER SHEETS

A NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert – The Federal government has gone to great lengths to keep the clothes we wear safe. Flammability standards on clothing are high and certain fabrics have been banned all together. But did you know that something you add to your washer or dryer could increase the flammability of many fabrics. Tracy Davison reports.

2:02 – Package

Herb Adams – Fire Training Coordinator

Maryanne Sieber – C.P.S.C.

4/17/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

There's a new warning tonight from the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and it concerns items you may have in your home that are dangerous fire hazards. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is live in our Washington D.C. newsroom with the latest.

1:20 – Package

:24 - Live

Ann Brown – CPSC

Adrienne Thompson – Washington D.C. Fire Dept.

4/17/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lea Thompson

NEW HOME WARRANTIES

When you buy a new house, you want to make sure you're protected when things go wrong. But do home warranties really protect you? Lea Thompson has the answer in a preview of tonight's Dateline undercover investigation.

1:33 – Package

4/17/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Beverly Kirk

LIGHTER RECALL

A NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert – 13-million disposable lighters are being recalled. The Consumer Products Safety Commission says their child resistant mechanisms don't work. They are also launching a "recall-roundup" to remind home-owners of other products recently recalled. Beverly Kirk has more.

1:30 – Package

Ann Brown – CPSC

Adrian Thompson – DC Fire Marshall

4/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

ONLINE PHARMACY

The speed and ease of the internet has simplified many aspects of daily activities. Now patients looking to fill a prescription quickly don't need to leave the house, it can all be done online. But experts say patients need to use common sense and caution.

:35 – SOT/VO

Robin Vitetta-Miller – Health Magazine

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS APRIL

4/20/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Landra Booker

UNFAIR LENDING

A warning to older Americans . . . you may be a prime target for abusive lenders. The American Association of Retired Persons says it's noticing a shocking increase in the number of people over 50 years of age who fall prey to predatory mortgage lenders. The A-A-R-P has launched a campaign to get the word out. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:20 – Package

:19 – Live

Bridgett Small – A.A.R.P.

4/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Liz Crenshaw

TORSO TIGER

Would you like to tone your stomach ten times faster? Well, the torso tiger claims it can give you amazing abs in just minutes a day guaranteed. Liz Crenshaw wanted to know if it really works.

2:30 – Package

Kenneth Mullen – Tested Torso Tiger

4/23/01, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jon Meyer

GAS PRICES

Gas prices have just made their biggest two-week jump in fifty years. The average cost of a gallon of gas has gone up nearly 13 cents since the middle of April. Many experts expect the trend to continue through the start of summer. Jon Meyers joins us now live from Johnstown with more on how our area has been affected.

1:02 – Package

:18 – Live

Patty Hord – Driver

Troy Hummel – Driver

Andy Digiaino – Driver

Andy Holencik – Driver

4/23/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

ELDERLY SCAMS

There are new warnings tonight for senior citizens about the staggering number of investment scams targeting them. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the latest from Washington.

1:25 – Package

Jack Baumgarten – Fraud victim

Scot Lane – PA Securities Commission

Geri Walsh – Securities and Exchange Commission

4/24/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

SHAMPOO

Shampoos have many of the same ingredients you'll find in a natural food store. But do they actually make your hair healthier as they claim? Tonight, Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Magazine to put shampoos to the test.

1:25 – Package

Tobie Stranger – Consumer Reports

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS APRIL

4/24/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Liz Crenshaw

AB DOLLY

They call it a workout that's challenging enough for professional athletes, yet easy enough for anyone. That's the promises that AB Dolly makes. Liz Crenshaw wanted to know if it really does that.

2:35 – Package

Crystal Williams – Testing AB Dolly

4/25/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

GAS BILLS

We're all enjoying a warm-up after a long cold winter, but the season left us with expensive gas bills – gas bills that many customers complain are hard to read and to understand. Christie Seibert joins us now live with some insight and advice.

1:21 – Package

:22 – Live

Sadle Kroeck – Dominion Peoples Gas

Brenda Sabo – Dissatisfied customer

Karen Crotzer – Dissatisfied customer

4/25/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Mike Majchrowitz

FIRESTONE TIRES

Who was to blame for last year's Firestone tire failures on Ford Explorers? Was it the tire company or was it Ford itself? A new report has been released the fingers the blame and calls for changes to prevent future problems. NewsCenter 6's Mike Majchrowitz has the latest from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:10 – Package

4/25/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Liz Crenshaw

AB DOER

You will lose two inches from your waist in just ten days. That's the Ab-Doer guarantee. But Liz Crenshaw asks, "Does it really do that?"

3:15 – Package

Kathy Tiso – Tested Ab-Doer

4/30/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CALL THE COUNSELOR

"Call the Counselor" is an opportunity for you to talk to a lawyer for free. For the next three nights, you have the opportunity to call a panel of lawyers who are in our studio tonight to answer your questions.

:45 – Live

Gary Costlow – Cambria County Bar Association

CONSUMER NEWS APRIL

Extra 4/5/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines "leaking electricity." They describe how every appliance in your home is wasting watts through standby power that appliances use even when turned off. Extra also offers tips to reduce the juice loss.

Show #: 7183 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 4/17/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra examines what is really between those fast food buns. Mike Bryant asks, "Where's the beef?" in today's Consumer Payoff.

Show #: 7193 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 4/25/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Everyday we're flooded with frequent flier come-ons. And we're not just reaping rewards for flying anymore; half of all frequent flyer miles are racked up on the ground. Before you keep piling up the points, you should know that 92% of all frequent flier miles are never cashed in. Extra's travel detective Peter Greenberg reports that airlines do everything they can to deny you a frequent flier ticket.

Show #: 7200 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 4/26/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

It seems like everyone has an HMO horror story. But, in one segment, Extra shows there are ways to protect yourself. Smartmoney.com's Vera Gibbons says there are 5 important things you need to know about your HMO.

Show #: 7201 Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS MAY

5/1/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CALL THE COUNSELOR

It's day two of our "Call the Counselor" feature. Tonight you again have the opportunity to call a panel of lawyers who are in our studio until seven o'clock to answer your questions for free. Joining us live now is Andrew Gleason from the Cambria County Bar Association to tell us how you know when you need a lawyer.

:50 – Live

5/1/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

SEAT RECALL

Now a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert – Evenflo is recalling over three million baby car seats. They are being recalled because the handles can snap off, flipping children onto the ground.

:32 – VO

5/1/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Kendis Gibson

BABY SEAT RECALL

It's the fifth major recall of its kind and once again it effects the safety of babies. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling over 3 million car safety seats. Kendis Gibson reports.

1:15 – Package

Ann Brown – CPSC

5/2/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

GAS PRICES

As gas prices continue to skyrocket, there are more concerns about summertime travel plans. But one group of drivers that are on the road year round say that paying more at the pump is going to cost us all more for a lot of our basic goods and services. With more on the impact of the increasing gas prices, Gary Sinderson joins us live from Centre County.

1:15 – Package

:24 – Live

Philip Baldwin – Truck driver

Danny Wagster – Truck driver

5/2/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

CALL THE COUNSELOR

Today is your last chance to "Call the Counselor" for free. Tonight you again have the opportunity to call a panel of lawyers who are in our studio until seven o'clock to answer your questions for free. Joining us live now is Daniel Lovette from the Cambria County Bar Association to tell us what services are available for those of low income.

:58 – Live

5/2/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Liz Crenshaw

DONATE CARS

Have you ever considered donating a car to charity? Lots of charities urge you to do that, then take a hefty tax write-off. But be forewarned, the I-R-S is taking a harder look at the practice. Liz Crenshaw has more in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

2:18 – Package

Gigi Melcher – Donating car

Earl Copus – President, Melwood

Sam Serio – IRS

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS . . . MAY

5/7/01, 5 PM, Monday Becky Thompson

HIDDEN FEES

Have you noticed you're paying more for some of the same goods and services lately? One of the main reasons is because some companies are charging hidden fees to help pad their bottom line. But with a little research you might be able to avoid paying for things that should be free. Becky Thompson has more in tonight's NewsCenter 6 Consumer alert.

1:33 – Package

Jodi Beebe - U.C.A.N.

Lisa Quintanar – Consumer

Joe Vasquez – Consumer

5/7/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Monday Alison Burns

GAS PRICES

Gas prices – just how high will they go? AAA says they've gotten to an all-time high due to low spare supplies just before the peak summer driving season. With more on the ever-escalating prices, let's go to NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns live in Washington.

1:01 – Package

:16 – Live

Mantill Williams – AAA

Ron Planting – American Petroleum Institute

5/8/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

SALES TAX

When you buy something in Pennsylvania, you assume you are being taxed correctly. But that's not always the case. In fact, often you are paying tax when you shouldn't be. Becky Thompson takes a closer look at the sales tax confusion in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

2:14 – Package

5/8/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

WHO'S LISTENING?

So many of us enjoy the convenience of cordless and cellular phones, but can we really trust what we say on these phones is private? There are many ways for eavesdroppers to tap into our conversations and they don't need to be experts. Tonight, Jon Meyer takes a look at who's listening.

2:55 – Package

Patricia Gratton – Cordless phone user

Richard Ardini – Wrightco Technology

Adriann White – Phone salesman

Leon O'Connor – Phone salesman

5/9/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Helen Chickering

COOLER CONTROVERSY

Hard lemonades and other fruit flavored malt drinks meant for adults are tempting teens. That's the word from the consumer advocates who released a study today that finds the concoctions are a hit with underage drinkers. Helen Chickering has more.

1:13 – Package

Marty McGough – Researcher

George Hacker – Consumer Advocate

Jeff Becker – Beer Institute

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS MAY

5/10/01, 11 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

BURNING MATTRESS

We sleep on mattresses every night, most of the time it is a safe sound sleep. But you may not be sleeping soundly when you find out what you are sleeping on. A mattress ignited by an open flame can go up in minutes. Mattress fires kill an estimated 522 people every year. Yet there's not requirement that mattresses be flame proof. NewsCenter 6's consumer investigator Becky Thompson shows you why along with what you can do now to protect your family.

3:34 - Package

John Brockman - Fire victim

Whitney Davis - Child advocate

Russ Rader - CPSC

5/17/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brooke Hart

SUMMER TRAVEL

Start your engines, the summer travel months are nearly here. A survey by the American Automobile Association shows Americans are determined to take those summer vacations, high gas prices or not. However, the gas prices are having an effect on their plans. Here's more from Brooke Hart in Washington.

1:05 - Package

Ron Heal - Falls Church, VA

Marnie Brown - Springfield, VA

Sandra Hughes - Vice President, AAA

5/17/01, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

CHANGING TABLES

Parents with infants need to hear about two new recalls from the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Childcraft Industries is recalling thousands of baby changing tables. They are also assisting in the recall of infant activity rockers made by Combi International.

1:00 VO

5/18/01, 11 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

MICROWAVE DANGERS

Most people think microwave ovens are safe because they're cool to the touch, have no heating elements, and no open flame. But like many household appliances, they can pose a serious hazard. Consumer Reporter Becky Thompson explains why in this NewsCenter 6 special report.

2:47 - Package

5/21/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Chris Clackum

FORD EXPLORER RECALL

There are more safety headaches for Ford Explorers. Tire problems are causing such big safety issues, the auto maker has ordered another massive recall. Chris Clackum reports.

:55 - Package

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS MAY

5/21/01, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CREDIT TRAP

Do you understand how credit works? Do you know what your credit score is? Do you know what your credit report says? You should because if you don't, if you think nothing of paying with plastic, you could be headed straight for the credit trap.

2:31 – Package

Sandy McGeary – Credit counselor

5/22/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

CREDIT TRAP 2

Americans are drowning in debt. We spend more with plastic than any other country in the world. We think little of carrying thousands of dollars of unsecured debt. Maybe you are one of the many who are laying awake nights worrying about how you are going to repay those huge credit card bills. You need to know you're not alone. And you need to know that there is a way out of the credit trap.

2:06 – Package

Sandy McGeary – Credit counselor

5/23/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Kim Baldonado

COUPONS

Who isn't looking to save money? With the economy slowing down, many manufacturers are now bombarding consumers with coupons. But is this coupon overload saving you money, or pushing you to buy more? Kim Baldonado went shopping with a personal finance expert and she has the details on how to use coupons wisely.

1:32 – Package

Carole Carniaux – Shopper

Mary Hunt – Cheapskate Monthly

5/25/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

TOY RECALL

Now a NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert – The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling a dangerous toy. Push n Pop Toys is recalling about 65 hundred tropical fish and rocking reptile Push & Pop toys.

:28 – VO

5/25/01, 11 PM, Friday Tylar Bacombe

FOREMAN GRILL

First, it was only seen on TV, now you can buy a George Foreman grill in just about any store that carries appliances. But does it work just like the TV ads show? Tylar Bacombe puts the George Foreman "Lean meat fat reducing grilling machine" to the test in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer Alert.

2:00 – Package

Cheryl Foreman – McConnell Heart Health Center

Shad Melvin – Tester

Jackie Bryant – Tester

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5/29/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

AIRFARES

Getting the cheapest airfares is no longer as easy as calling your local travel agent. You can't even count on the lowest price from websites that claim to give you just that. NewsCenter 6's consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports to show us that there's no such thing as one stop shopping when you're looking for the lowest fares.

1:44 – Package

Bill McGee – Consumer Reports

5/29/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Roseanne Colletti

AIRLINE SERVICE

If you do plan to fly this summer, do you know what to expect from the airlines as far as customer satisfaction? Roseanne Colletti takes a look at results from a survey done by Forbes Magazine, looking at how the different airlines treat their passengers.

1:53 – Package

Dennis Kneale – Managing Editor, Forbes

5/30/01, 5:30 11 PM, Wednesday Victoria Lim

AIRLINE EFFORTS

From travel problems on the ground to travel problems in the air, summer travel can be a hassle. Too many flights and too little room is what the FAA says is behind the massive number of airline delays. All those delays make for an unpleasant experience in those "not so friendly" skies. But Victoria Lim reports that airlines are trying to ease passengers' flying fury.

3:06 – Package

Bill Price – Air traveler

Rep. John Mica – Florida

CONSUMER NEWS MAY

Extra 5/03/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra's travel detective Peter Greenberg offers tips on how to get the best service and the least hassles from airlines for your money.

Show #: 7207

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 5/10/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra's travel detective Peter Greenberg explains Rule 240 and how it applies to airport delays. He advises those who fly to know their rights and demand that airlines comply with the standard. The rule gives customers the right to quick alternate travel accommodations when flights are delayed due to weather or the fault of the airline.

Show #: 7213

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/05/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

BOOSTER SEATS

While many parents are just realizing they need to keep children who weigh up to 80 pounds in booster seats, they are finding out that those seats may not be reliable when it comes to your child's safety. Consumer investigator Becky Thompson teams up with Consumer Reports Magazine and shows us the problem.

1:42 – Package

Marc McEntee – Parent

John Galeotafiore – Consumer Reports

6/05/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PUPPY LEMON

You've heard of the Lemon Law when you're in the market for a car; there is also a Lemon Law if you want to buy a puppy. It is officially called the Dog Purchaser Protection Law and was enacted several years ago.

:44 – SOT/VO

Barry Creany – Consumer Protection

6/06/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

ON LINE HOME SALES

You can sell just about anything on-line, including your home. Blueedge.com promises to help you sell your home at a lower commission rate than a standard realtor. So is this a good way to sell your home or not? NewsCenter 6's Consumer Investigator Becky Thompson shows you what she uncovered.

1:35 – Package

Janet Burrows – Selling her home

6/07/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Rhonda Hughes

MOTIVISION

It's smaller than a cable box and plugs into the back of your television. The creators of "Motovision" say it can help you lose weight and keep it off. But does it work? Rhonda Hughes put it to the test.

2:27 – Package

Shirley Cobb – Motivation tester

Leslie Prock – Motivation tester

Dr. Harold Crasilneck – University of Texas

6/08/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Roseanne Colletti

GARAGE SALES

If you don't know what to do with your "extra" stuff, maybe it is time you held a garage sale. Consumer reporter Roseanne Colletti has some tips for having a successful one.

2:02 – Package

Sally Najarian – Garage Sale Shopper

Adrienne Babigian – Garage seller

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/11/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Steve Young

FREE INTERNET

There's a new threat to internet service providers. A group of techno-philes is giving away wireless internet service for free. Steve Young finds out what this means for AOL and Microsoft and you.

1:26 - Package

Terry Schmidt - Founder, NYCWireless.Net

Rudy Baca - Analyst

Anthony Townsend - Founder, NYCWireless.Net

6/12/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PRESCRIPTION PRICES

Soaring prescription drug prices are the latest financial challenge for senior citizens. A new national study says the prescription prices are well above other cost of living increases. With more on reaction from senior citizens and how they are coping with the increased drug costs, Gary Sinderson joins us live now from State College.

1:07 - Package

:14 - Live

Jane Taylor - Centre County Office of Aging

Clint Hegeman - Senior Volunteer

6/12/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Hank Phillipi Ryan

LOW FAT MUFFINS

Now for a low-fat muffin consumer alert. You're trying to drop a few pounds, so you choose the low fat variety for breakfast. But can you always believe what the food label says? Hank Phillipi Ryan puts low fat muffins to the test.

1:41 - Package

Andrea Fontaine - Foods research Lab

Paula Fairfield - FDA

6/13/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday I. J. Hudson

NEW CELL PHONES

There's a lot of talk these days about hand-free cell phones. I.J. Hudson gives us a look at something that could revolutionize the notion of "hands free."

1:43 - Package

Mark Haggerty - Voice & Wireless Corporation

6/13/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Roseanne Colletti

SALAD BAR CALORIES

That cool salad you plan to have for dinner tonight could pack on more calories than a burger and fries. Roseanne Colletti has some tips on the fat traps awaiting you at your favorite salad bar.

1:45 - Package

Samantha Heller - Nutritionist

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/14/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

SOLAR HOME

With energy prices climbing higher and higher, many people have started looking for alternatives. One is solar power.

:25 – SOT/VO

Art Weaver – Home powered by Solar energy

6/14/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

STROLLER RECALL

If you push a baby stroller or know someone who does, government watchdog groups say to check the label. Your baby could be in danger. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling more than half a million strollers. Brigitte Langmade has the details.

1:49 – Package

Nychelle Fleming – CPSC

6/15/01, 5 PM, Friday Diane Diaz

FOOD COURT

Shoppers who need a quick bite to eat while at the mall often head to the food court. But are you trading healthy eating for convenience? Diane Diaz has the scoop.

2:07 – Package

6/15/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Audrey Laganas

CREDIT CARD CHANGES

Credit card users, listen up. Some companies are changing your contract and those changes are taking away your rights – specifically your right to sue them in court. Now credit card companies want an arbitrator to handle disputes. As Audrey Laganas explains, you really have to check out the fine print to figure out what it means.

2:29 – Package

Chris Lefebvre – Consumer attorney

6/18/01, 5 PM, Monday Gordon Tokumatsu

FUNERAL COSTS

It's a painful moment in a person's life – planning a loved one's funeral. There are dozens of decisions to be made quickly. Gordon Tokumatsu looks at the high cost of dying and reports that funerals don't have to be expensive.

2:30 – Package

Art Silvas – Direct Caskets

Marge Strand – LA Funeral Society

6/18/01, 11 PM, Monday Tracy Davidson

GAS GRILL SAFETY

Gas grills – lots of people are cooking up dinner on them. But did you know those grills start over 500 fires every year? Tracy Davidson has a Consumer Alert to help keep you and your family safe while using your gas grill.

2:02 – Package

Cheryl Grassia – suffered burns from grill

James Reber – Firefighter

Dave Patiaki – Amerigas

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/19/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Jane Wells

HYBRID CARS

If you're fed up with the rising costs of gasoline, there is an alternative. Hybrid cars, ones that combine gas and electric can make a big difference in fuel bills. Jane Wells shows us what is out there.

2:20 - Package

Ed Begley, Jr. - Hybrid car owner

Shawn Keebau - Honda

Thad Malesh - J.D. Power and Associates

Ron Cogan - Green Car Journal publisher

6/20/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Victoria Lim

TIRE MAINTENANCE

Tire recalls over the past year have sent Ford Explorer owners scrambling to switch their tires. But even if you don't own a Ford, maintaining your wheels is still something you should do. Victoria Lim found out that playing your part can keep you tire smart in this Consumer Alert.

1:32 - Package

Donald Shea - Rubber Manufacturers Association

6/20/01, 6 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

AIR COSTS

A new study shows Pennsylvania is losing millions of dollars because air travelers chose lower fares outside of the state. Tonight, we take a closer look at the price to fly from our area. For more on the study's finding, Jon Meyer joins us live from the Johnstown airport.

1:06 - Package

Lynn Dudish - Travel agent

6/21/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Jane Watrel

RECALL HOTLINE

A warning tonight for parents, many company hotlines set up to give information on dangerous children's products don't work. Today a watchdog group called on the Consumer Product Safety Commission to require that all firms keep their hotlines up and running. Jane Watrel has more from Washington.

1:46 - Package

Mary Ellen Fise - Consumer Federation of America

Ann Brown - CPSC

Frifoley Vash - Mother

6/22/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Teri Adler

WEDDING PLANNING

Wedding season is now here and there is more than love in the air. There is also a lot of stress in planning the big day. Teri Adler has some advice on how to get hitched without a hitch.

1:58 - Package

Rachel Marler - Newlywed

Robin Viola - Bride-to-be

Anna Jean Demaio - Shreve, Crump, & Low

Lisa Ghorbani - Professional Planner

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6/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Roseanne Colletti

DANGEROUS BARBIE

Almost every little girl has played with Barbie dolls. You can almost always find an entire toy store aisle displaying dozens of different Barbie's, Skippers, and Kens. But could Mattel's latest Barbie doll be dangerous to kids? Roseanne Colletti has the details in this NewsCenter 6 Consumer alert.

1:56 – Package

Catherine McCarthy – Mother

6/26/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

PHONE SLAMMING

Have you had your long distance phone service changed without knowing it? State legislators are the latest to investigate what's known as phone slamming.

:39 – SOT/VO

Rep. Bill Adolph – Delaware County

6/27/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Allard Beutel

COMPUTER RECYCLING

What do you do with your old computer when you buy a new one? Many schools and startup businesses worldwide recycle your old hardware. Allard Beutel has the story.

1:24 – Package

Michele Rigby – Recycle It

6/27/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sabrina Smith

LIGHT SAVINGS

More and more people are lighting up, not cigarettes, but high tech lamps. The result is big savings on the electric bill. Sabrina Smith has the details.

1:19 – Package

Jamie Labar – Consumer

Gary Contreras – Lamp seller

6/28/01, 5 PM, Thursday Jerry Cobb

AMAZON SCAM

Is it amazon.com or amazon.scam? The company has a free shipping offer, but a closer look reveals the offer may not be such a great deal after all. Jerry Cobb has more in tonight's Consumer Alert.

2:22 – Package

Glenn Fleishman – ISBN.NU

Jeffrey Fieler – Bear Stearns

Scott Kessler – S&P Equity

Bill Curry – Amazon spokesman

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

6/29/01, 5 PM, Friday Mary Ann Ahern

SHOPPERS CHECK OUT

Are you tired of waiting in long grocery lines to pay? Now shoppers are taking control at supermarkets. They're speeding up checkouts by doing it themselves. Mary Ann Ahern explains.

1:33 - Package

Stephan Bergenham - Store manager

6/29/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Pat Lawson Muse

PET TRAVEL

Do you plan to travel this summer with your pet? If you plan to fly, you'll find that the rules may be tougher. Pat Lawson Muse has the story.

2:12 - Package

Vivianne Pommier - Travel agent

Lorrie Allegra - Frequent Flyer

CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

Extra 6/8/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra's travel detective Peter Greenberg looks at how to get a clean and quiet place to sleep when you're on the road. Cramped quarters, peeling paint, a room with no view; these are just a few of countless hotel horror stories. But how do you get a great deal, a great room, and great service? It's not as hard as you think. It just takes a little homework.

Show #: 7238

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/12/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra visits the center for unclaimed air baggage in Scottsboro, Alabama. Ten million bags are mishandled every year, and when they get lost, they can end up as part of the airline's luggage store. To prevent the loss of luggage, Extra offers some travel trips that you can use when labelling and tracking your bags.

Show #: 7241

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/19/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Jet lag, stifling airplane air, cancellations, and those dreaded delays are all part of the frustration of flying. Airlines are developing a new way to soothe their ruffled passengers – airport spas. In one segment, Extra's travel detective Peter Greenberg examines how passenger pampering is really "taking off."

Show #: 7247

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/20/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Seventeen million new cars are sold every year. Unfortunately, on average, one in ten cars on the road is a lemon. It is an unwritten rule with most dealership employees that if you agree with a customer about having a lemon, you will probably lose your job. With that kind of pressure, it isn't surprising that consumers have trouble getting their lemons fixed. Extra offers tips on what you can do when that sweet new car turns sour.

Show #: 7248

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

CONSUMER NEWS JUNE

Extra 6/26/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra goes undercover to check out the situation with used car lemons and the risks to consumers of ending up with one. Tip are given to prevent car buyers from becoming victims of unsrupulous car dealers and websites that log a car's background.

Show #: 7253

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/28/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

In one segment, Extra looks at refinancing a home. The biggest check that any of us write every month is probably for our house payment. Thanks to Mr. Greenspan and his recent interest rate cuts, more people than ever are refinancing their homes. But before people get a new loan, they need to check out some important facts.

Show #: 7255

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: GOVERNMENT / POLITICS . . . APRIL

4/02/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Brigette Langmade

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

The U.S. Senate takes on the job of overhauling the nation's campaign finance laws. But the reforms are by no means done. NewsCenter 6's Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:45 – Package

Meredith McGehee – Common Cause

Sen. Trent Lott – Senate Majority Lawyer

4/03/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Miranda Gresko

DANGEROUS DOGS

In the wake of the death of a former Penn State lacrosse student, lawmakers are considering action to identify dangerous dogs before they attack. While they are busy drafting legislation, area veterinarians say it won't be as easy as it seems. Miranda Gresko joins us with more.

:58 – Package

:19 – Live

Dr. Fred Metzger – Metzger Animal Hospital

4/03/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Brigette Langmade

EQUAL PAY

Are women paid as much as men for equal work? A controversial study says no – women are paid 25% less than their male co-workers, including workers for our government. Brigette Langmade has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:20 – Package

Sen. Patty Murray – Washington

Sen. Tom Harkin – Wisconsin

Nancy Pfotenhauer – Independent Women Forum

Terry Neese – Business Owner

4/04/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Brigette Langmade

POSTAL CUTS

The U.S. Postal Service is in serious financial trouble. They may have to cancel some Saturday services to make ends meet. Postal officials are talking with lawmakers about whether a cut in service is the best way to compete with commercial companies and the challenges of e-mail. NewsCenter 6's Brigette Langmade has the latest from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:21 – Package

:16 – Live

Rep. Bob Barr – Georgia

William Henderson – Postmaster General

4/04/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

MAD COW / SUPPLEMENTS

Lawmakers expressed concern today the nation's food safety system may not be secure enough to stop mad cow disease from entering the United States. This time the concerns center around food supplements. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is in the nation's capitol with the latest.

1:59 – Package

Sen. Byron Dorgan – North Dakota

Sen. Richard Durbin – Illinois

James Hodges – American Meat Institute

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4/05/01, 11 PM, Thursday Jenn Kallin

SCHOOL BEEF

On Wednesday, the Bush administration decided to relax the salmonella inspection of ground beef used in the national school lunch program. Tonight, after word leaked out, they've done a complete turnaround.

:35 - VO

4/06/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Alison Burns

TAX VOTE

The Senate has approved a massive tax cut, one that equals 1.2 trillion dollars over the next ten years. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live in our Washington D.C. newsroom to tell us what it means for our wallets.

1:23 - Package

:25 - Live

Sen. Max Cleland - Georgia

Pete Domenici - New Mexico

4/09/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

BUSH BUDGET

The White House is defending the President's nearly two trillion dollar budget. The plan would limit the rate of growth for most domestic programs to just 4 percent, half of what former President Clinton had in his budget. With more on the controversial spending plan, Alison Burns is standing by live in NewsCenter 6's Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:25 - Package

:24 - Live

Terry McAuliffe - DNC Chairman

4/11/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

FARMLAND PRESERVATION

People making their living of the land got a devastating blow from President Bush's proposed budget. As Miranda Gresko reports, the proposal cuts all federal funding for farmers wanting to save their land.

1:21 - Package

Norm Lathbury - AG Land Preservation

4/16/01, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

FIRST DEBATE

For the first time since they were chosen by their respective parties, two men looking to succeed Bud Schuster in Congress faced off today in their first debate.

1:05 - SOT/VO

Bill Schuster - Republican candidate

Scott Conklin - Democratic candidate

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4/19/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Bill Brown

SECOND DEBATE

The candidates in the ninth district race to succeed Bud Shuster in Congress held their second of three debates Wednesday night. Economic recovery was the focus of that debate. Bill Brown has more.

1:37 - Package

Bill Shuster - 9th District candidate

Scott Conklin - 9th District candidate

Allana Hartzok - Green Party candidate

4/19/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

PETERSON / GASOLINE

With talk of a gallon of gas heading towards three dollars, is a national energy crisis looming? At least one area congressman says it's possible. He feels that if we don't develop a better energy strategy soon, we'll be facing dire circumstances. Gary Sinderson talked to Congressman John Peterson about his energy concerns and joins us from State College with more.

:57 - Package

:26 - Live

Rep. John Peterson - Pennsylvania (R)

4/20/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

PLANT CLOSING / GEIST

The chairman of the House Transportation Committee speaks out about Norfolk Southern's efforts to close the Hollidaysburg car shops.

:40 - SOT/VO

Rick Geist - 79th District

4/20/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

VOTER AWARENESS

Remember the Florida voting controversy? Cambria County election officials want to make sure that doesn't happen in their election booths. They are launching a voter awareness program to spell out the do's and don'ts of punch card voting.

:33 - SOT/VO

Fred Smith - Election Supervisor

4/24/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

BOOSTER SEATS

Could the laws in Pennsylvania be leaving millions of kids at risk of injury or even death in car accidents? That's the message being delivered at a Senate hearing today in Washington. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the latest from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:24 - Package

:18 - Live

Autumn Skeen - Booster Seat Advocate

Elain Weinstein - Highway Safety Administration

Adrian Lund - Insurance Institute

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4/26/01, 5 / 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jon Meyer

NORFOLK SOUTHERN HEARING

At a hearing today in Harrisburg, the State House Transportation Committee asked why Norfolk Southern broke its promises to the state of Pennsylvania with their decision to close the Hollidaysburg car shops. John Meyer is live in Harrisburg with more on the hearings.

1:21 – Package

:25 – Live

Rep. Michael Veon – Democratic Whip

Rep. Rick Geist – 79th District

Rudy Husband – Norfolk Southern Spokesman

Richard Eldelman – Union Lawyer

4/26/01, 5 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

The entertainment industry is still targeting young kids with ads for adult-rated products. Now lawmakers on Capitol Hill are pushing to make that kind of marketing a crime. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C. office.

1:10 – Package

Sen. Hillary Clinton – New York

Joe Lieberman – Connecticut

Daphane White – Parent / Child advocate

4/27/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Landra Booker

AUTISM

A mysterious childhood disorder more common than Downes Syndrome is often going undiagnosed and untreated. Autism affects more than one and a half million Americans and catching it in time is the key to overcoming the challenges of the condition. The issue is in the spotlight on Capitol Hill, and NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker is standing by live with the latest.

1:24 – Package

:19 – Live

Beth Kolopajlo – Parent of autistic child

Rep. Mike Doyle – 18th District

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5/1/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jon Meyer

SHUSTER / CONKLIN DEBATE

Two candidates who want to take Bud Shuster's place in Congress squared off today in Altoona. Democrat Scott Conklin and Republican Bud Shuster appeared in their final debate at the Jaffa Mosque. That's where Jon Meyer is live with more.

1:16 – Package

:22 – Live

Helen Christodoulos – Voter

Richard Hamil – Voter

Nancy Snyder – Voter

Scott Conklin – 9th District candidate

Bill Shuster 9th District candidate

5/1/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

OCCUPATIONAL TAX

It's been termed the worst nuisance tax ever created. Now new efforts are underway in the State legislature to allow school districts to do away with the occupational assessment tax.

:37 – SOT/VO

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

5/1/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

SUV FUEL EFFICIENCY

As the energy crunch continues to take its toll on the country, lawmakers are looking at ways to improve fuel efficiency, conserve oil, and save you money. Today they are taking aim at car makers and the gas guzzling sport utility vehicles. With more on this story, let's go to Brigitte Langmade live in our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:10 – Package

:19 – Live

Se. Diane Feinstein – California

Jo Cooper – Alliance of Auto Manufacturers

5/2/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

PORNOGRAPHY

Antipornography groups and a number of people who say they're victims of pornography are in the nation's capitol rallying against what many call a growing industry. They're also calling on Congress and the White House to get tough. Alison Burns is working this story. She joins us live now from our Washington DC Bureau.

1:05 – Package

:21 – Live

Peter Fleming – Psychotherapist

Barb Stephans – Victims advocate

Elliott Mincberg – Free speech advocate

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5/3/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

POWER PLAN

Washington is hoping to reduce its power, electrical power, that is. The President has ordered Federal buildings to cut their energy use, hoping to stop California's power crisis from spreading. NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade is standing by live with the latest on the President's power plan.

1:11 – Package

:15 – Live

Tyson Slocum – Public citizen

Mark Hopkins – Alliance To Save Energy

5/4/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Landra Booker

DRUG TEST LABELLING

Prescribing medications to children is still a guessing game in many doctor's offices across the country. Only a fraction of drugs on the market have actually been tested for safety on children, so doctors aren't sure how much or how little to give their young patients. But there is a push on Capitol Hill to change that. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has a look at the plan.

1:18 – Live

:19 – Live

Dr. Phil Walsom – Pediatrician

Se. Mike Dewine – Ohio

Christopher Dodd – Connecticut

5/8/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

BUSH / GAS PRICES

With gas prices continuing to climb, there's been more speculation about whether President Bush should step in to slow the increase. One area congressman says that's not a likely idea.

:51 – SOT/VO

John Peterson – 5th District

5/9/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

CELL PHONE HEARING

More and more, you hear complaints about people talking on cell phones while they drive. It's a dangerous combination that's drawing the attention of lawmakers in the nation's Capitol. Landra Booker joins us live now with more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:05 – Package

:15 – Live

Patricia Pena – Daughter killed in wreck

Bob Shelton – Traffic Safety Assoc.

Rep. Don Young – Arkansas

Rep. Ellen Tauscher – California

5/14/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

MAKING YOUR VOTE COUNT

If you show up to vote tomorrow, you want to be sure that vote of yours counts. Christie Seibert joins us live now with some advice.

:58 – Package

:17 – Live

Fred Smith – Cambria Election Supervisor

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5/14/01, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

CONKLIN

Voters across the sprawling 9th District go to the polls tomorrow to elect a successor to the retires Bud Shuster. There are 3 people in the race, but the battle lies between the main stream Republican and Democrat. The Democrat is Scott Conklin.

1:18 – Package

Scott Conklin – Democratic candidate

5/14/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

HARTZOK

Tomorrow, votes in the ninth Congressional District will be picking a new Congressman. In addition to the major party candidates, Shuster and Conklin, there is a lesser-known candidate, Alanna Hartzok, the Green Party candidate running on a tax reduction platform.

:35 – SOT/VO

Alanna Hartzok – Green Party candidate

5/14/01, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

SHUSTER

When votes go to the polls tomorrow in the 9th Congressional District, they'll choose a successor to retired Congressman Bud Shuster. The Republican candidate in the race likes the sound of Congressman Shuster, but this one's Bill, not Bud.

1:25 – Package

Bill Shuster – Republican candidate

5/15/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

VOTER TURNOUT

Primary elections generally have a low voter turnout. That is despite the latest figures showing the number of registered voters in Pennsylvania continues to increase. While many people do register to vote, getting them to actually go to the polls on Election Day on a regular basis is becoming a bigger and bigger challenge. Gary Sinderson joins us from Philipsburg, Centre County.

1:07 – Package

:17 – Live

Connie Lucas – Centre County Commissioner

Louise Demchak – Election Assistant

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

5/17/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

BUSH ENERGY PLAN

President Bush unveiled his plan to address the nation's energy crunch today. But lawmakers are already promising heated debates over the plan while environmentalists say the plan's bad for consumers. NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:01 – Package

Philip Clapp – National Environmental Trust

5/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

LIQUOR LAW CHANGE

Will the impact of last year's changes in allocating liquor licenses across Pennsylvania mean more bars and taverns in popular drinking spots like State College?

:39 – SOT/VO

Peter Marshall – State College Manager

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5/23/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

JEFFORDS JUMPS

We could be on the verge of a political power shift in Washington and it could mean that Democrats will take control of the U.S. Senate. A Republican Senator from Vermont is about to defect from the Republican party. With more on the switch, let's head to NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker.

1:10 – Package

5/23/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Brigitte Langmade

RED LIGHTS

Are red light cameras a safety device or a money making machine for local governments? One Washington lawmaker says they're a scam and could be putting you in danger. NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade has more now from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:09 - Package

Rep. Dick Armey – House Majority Leader

Judie Stone – Highway Safety Advocate

5/24/01, 5:30 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Doug Luzader

JEFFORDS

Vermont Senator James Jeffords is now an independent. That decision changes the balance of power on Capitol Hill. Doug Luzader has more on the story.

1:33 – Package

James Jeffords – Vermont

Gary Bressor – Jeffords supporter

Patrick Garahan – Vermont Republican Party

5/28/01, 11 PM, Monday Jenn Kallin

WWII MEMORIAL

President Bush signed a bill today that would allow construction of a World War II memorial to begin on the National Mall. However, it is sparking some controversy.

:56 – SOT/VO

President George Bush

5/29/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Tim Rigby

DECISION / GOLFER

The Supreme Court hands down a major victory for disabled golfer Casey Martin. With more on their historic decision, that could conceivably affect all sports, let's head to Tim Rigby.

:15 – Live

:49 – SOT/VO

Joe Shorto – PGA Professional

Phil Saylor – Amateur golfer

5/30/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jon Meyer

SPECTER / SHUSTER

A U.S. House of Representatives Sub-committee will be coming to Blair County in June to look at Norfolk Southern's decision to close the Hollidaysburg car shops. At a news conference today, Representative Bill Shuster and Senator Arlen Specter said the hearing is another step closer to keeping the car shops open. Jon Meyer is live in Hollidaysburg with more.

:55 – Package

:22 – Live

Dave Robertson – Worker

Sen. Arlen Specter – Pennsylvania

Rep. Bill Shuster – 9th District

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5/30/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

MEDICAL FUNDING

Senator Arlen Specter got an earful today on the state of health care in Pennsylvania. As Lisa Stofko reports, doctors and administrators from one area hospital let him know that the federal government could be doing a lot more to help.

1:37 – Package

Dr. Richard Salluzzo – Conemaugh CEO

Sen. Arlen Specter – Pennsylvania

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6/05/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jim Hanchett

ELECTION FAIRNESS

Were minority voters in Florida treated unfairly in last year's controversial Presidential election? That's what the U.S. Civil Rights Commission claims. More now from Jim Hanchett.

1:30 – Package

Hilary Shelton – NAACP

Rep. Mark Foley – Florida

Abigail Thernstrom – U.S. Civil Rights Commission

6/05/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

IMPROVE AIRLINES

It's going to take ten years but the FAA hopes to improve airline service. The goal is to squeeze 30 percent more flights into the system, improving safety and convenience at the same time. With more on the plan, here's NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade.

1:10 – Package

6/06/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

SENATE TAKEOVER

The Democrats are in and the Republicans are out of the Senate leadership. For the first time since 1994, Democrats now control the Senate, now that former Republican Jim Jeffords has become an independent. Alison Burns has the latest from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:10 – Package

6/07/01, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

TAX CUT

With one swipe of the pen, the President puts more money in your pocket. President Bush signed the tax relief bill that will cut the government's take by 1.3 trillion dollars over the next 10 years. With more on the cut and what it means for your family, let's go to Landra Booker.

1:13 – Package

:16 – Live

Rep. Rose Delauro – Connecticut

Rep. Dick Gephardt – Minority Leader

6/08/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Landra Booker

FLORIDA VOTING

A Federal Civil Rights Commission says that there were civil rights violations in last year's election, referring to the thousands of ballots that were not counted. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has the story.

1:25 – Package

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6/12/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

EQUAL PAY

If you're a working woman and don't think you're making as much money as your male counterparts, you may now have some new allies in the U.S. Senate. Today top Democrats announced they are renewing their push to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act. Alison Burns has the latest from our Washington D.C. bureau.

2:02 – Package

Sen. Hillary Clinton – New York

Veronica Rose – Equal Pay advocate

Christine Stolba – Independent Women's forum

6/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Christie Seibert

FEMALE CONTRACEPTIVES

On Tuesday, there was a landmark decision from a Federal judge in Seattle with far-reaching implications. The judge rules that companies should provide coverage for birth control pills, saying that currently women get less complete coverage than men, which violates Federal law. Christie Seibert joins us live now with more on what the ruling means.

:59 – Package

:15 – Live

Jennifer Erickson – Sued company

Marcia Greenberger – National Women's Law Center

6/18/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Alison Burns

PATIENTS' RIGHTS

The U.S. Senate begins debate this week on legislation intended to give consumers more protection when it comes to their private health insurance. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns reports.

1:15 – Package

Sen. John Edwards – North Carolina

Karen Ignagni – American Association of Health Plans

6/19/01, 11 PM, Tuesday Julie Sidoni

BILL OF RIGHTS

Tonight, there are hot talks on the floor of the U.S. Senate involving the controversial patients' Bill of rights. Specifically, they are arguing about whether it should be legal for patients to sue their HMO in State court. Julie Sidoni joins us live now with more on this story.

1:10 – Package

Sen. Edward Kennedy – Massachusetts

Sen. Rick Santorum – Pennsylvania

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6/25/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Landra Booker

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Winners and losers were announced today in rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court. High court justices handed down a flurry of decisions that tackled the topics of affirmative action and the appearance of information on the internet. NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker has the latest from Washington.

1:25 - Package

Paul Rothstein - Constitutional law expert

Johnathan Tasini - Free lance writer

6/25/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Jim Hanchett

BUSH PUSH

President Bush hit the road today to sell one of his pet projects, giving federal money to churches and other religious groups that offer social services. Many in Congress are skeptical about the idea. Jim Hanchett has the latest from Washington.

1:00 - Package

Gary Bauer - President American Values

6/27/01, 11 PM, Wednesday Mike Majchrowitz

PATIENT RIGHTS

Today the Senate continued its surgery on the Patient's Bill of Rights. It appears that the patient will survive the operation. Supporters of the bill turned back more attempts to create exemptions and now President Bush is showing signs that he might give some ground. Mike Majchrowitz has more from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:55 - Package

6/28/01, 11 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

ENERGY VAMPS

As the energy crunch continues to squeeze consumers, President Bush is talking about conservation. He's also talking about a relative unknown energy enemy called the vampire. Brigitte Langmade has more on what this vampire is from our Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:40 - Package

6/29/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

CIGARETTE ADS

The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that states don't have a right to restrict outdoor tobacco advertising close to schools beyond the limits already set by Federal law.

:34 - SOT/VO

Sherry Gioiosa - Breathe Group

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4/05/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

REFLECTIVE TAPES

The State Department of Transportation has put orange reflective tape around dozens of utility poles and trees throughout the region. The markers are intended to prevent motorists from accidentally driving into a pole that's very close to the road. It's a new effort by PennDOT to reduce accidents.

:43 - SOT/VO

Jim Hughes - PennDOT

4/06/01, 5 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

HOOF AND MOUTH

Pennsylvania is stepping up its efforts to battle any possible outbreaks of hoof and mouth disease. The virus has killed thousands of animals in Europe, and there are growing fears that once here, it could easily spread. With the latest on the prevention efforts, Gary Sinderson joins us live from Altoona.

1:05 - Package

Samuel Hayes - PA Sec. Of Agriculture

4/11/01, 5 PM, Wednesday Alison Burns

ENDANGERED RIVERS

The annual list on the nation's most endangered rivers is out. Environmentalists say that energy production from coal mines, hydro-powered dams, and nuclear power plants are having a devastating affect on America's rivers. Alison Burns has more from our Washington D.C. bureau.

1:10 - Package

4/11/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Sherry Stalley

FIRE AND KIDS

For the second time in less than a month, children playing with matches caused a destructive fire in Johnstown. While everyone in that home is now safe, questions remain about why children decide to play with matches. The city of Johnstown is now taking a proactive approach to youngsters and fires. Sherry Stalley joins us live with more.

1:23 - Package

:22 - Live

Brian Yost - Juvenile Fire Setter Program

Mike Prebehalla - Fire Setters

4/13/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

GYPSY MOTHS

The State plans to spray more woodlands later this month to counter the rise in the gypsy moth population. Last year's efforts were not as successful as officials wished, resulting in the destruction of 800 thousand acres of defoliation by the moths.

:27 - VO

4/14/01, 6 / 11 PM, Saturday Miranda Gresko

RIVER SAFETY

In the wake of last weekend's triple drowning in Butler County's Slippery Rock Creek, people in our area work to make their own river safer, removing logs along with other safety hazards from the water. Miranda Gresko has the story.

1:22 - Package

Brian Wiczorek - Canoe Club

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4/16/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

PSU FARMS

The number of hoof and mouth cases overseas has dropped in the past week but authorities here are still stepping up prevention efforts. At Penn State, access to the university's agricultural research facilities and farms is now under tighter restrictions. With the latest on the prevention efforts to guard Pennsylvania's number one industry, agriculture, is Gary Sinderson live from University Park.

:53 - Package

:21 - Live

Art Hattel - Veterinarian

4/23/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Now that the weather is warming up, you may have noticed that the playgrounds are packed with kids running, biking, and laughing. But while your kids are climbing on the jungle gym or slipping down the slide, here's something important to think about: Is the playground they're using safe? Here now with the answer and more on "Playground Safety Week" is Christie Seibert.

1:10 - Package

:19 - Live

Stephanie Milavec - Westmont Recreation Commission

4/26/01, 5:30 PM, Thursday Karen Brown

KIDS / PETS HEAT IN CARS

As the temperature rises, so do the dangers that kids face who are left in cars. Each year dozens of kids die from heatstroke after being left in hot parked cars. A car manufacturer has a new safety device that could save your child's life. More on the device from Karen Brown.

1:10 - Package

Harry Pearce - General Motors

Dr. Heather Paul - National Safe Kids Campaign

4/30/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Alison Burns

BOOSTER SEATS

Ford Motor Company is trying to save the lives of your kids. The car manufacturer is launching a campaign to get more kids strapped into booster seats. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the latest on this initiative.

1:23 - Package

Jacques Nasser - CEO Ford Motor Co

Sec. Norm Mineta - Dept. of Transportation

Autumn Skeen - Booster Seat Advocate

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4/30/01, 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

AMBULANCE

It's more often than not life and death circumstances that have ambulances, fire trucks, and police racing to emergency scenes. Yet some motorists refuse to give rescue vehicles the right of way, causing even more difficulties and delays for those trying to save lives. In our special report, Gary Sinderson takes a look at the problem encountered and the penalties you could pay if you don't get out of the way.

2:45 - Package

Sgt. David Copley - PA State Police

Benny DeArmitt - Alpha Fire Company

Francis Schreiner - Alpha Fire Company

Lester Griel - Alpha Fire Company

Matt MacGregor - Bedford Ambulance Assoc.

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5/3/01, 5 PM, Thursday Landra Booker

SUMMER SAFETY

More children are hurt and killed between the months of May and August than in any other time of the year. That makes summertime the most dangerous season for America's children. Those findings of the first national report on this trend were released today along with recommendations on how to keep kids safe. Landra Booker has more from our Washington D.C.

1:10 – Package

5/4/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

SPRING WATER DANGERS

Over the past week, there have been two accidental drownings in our region. Doctors say swimming can be the most dangerous when the weather gets warm early like it has the past few days, not because of drowning, but because of hypothermia. Julie Sidoni is working this story and she's live now with more.

:44 – Package

:14 – Live

Dr. Larson – Conemaugh Health System

5/4/01, 11 PM, Friday Jenn Kallin

KNOTS AND FIREFIGHTING

Fighting a house fire can be dangerous enough, but battling a blaze in a warehouse or office building is a whole new ballgame. That's why members of many area fire departments are studying a different technique, a rope system with a series of knots meant to serve as a guide.

:43 – SOT/VO

Randy Isenberg – PA Fire Instructor

5/7/01, 5:30 PM, Monday Jim Hanchett

TRAFFIC JAMS

Did you get stuck in traffic today? You're not alone. Commuters are now spending nearly a full work week every year staring at the bumper in front of them. Jim Hanchett has more on what can be done to improve the frustrating situation.

1:38 – Package

Roy Kienitz – Transportation Policy Project

Peter Ruana – Road & Transport Builders

5/8/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

DISTRACTED DRIVERS

America's roads are getting more and more dangerous everyday. Federal experts say distracted drivers cause one and a half million accidents a year. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live with the details.

1:12 – Package

:15 – Live

Stephanie Faul – AAA

Scott Piffens – Cell phone user

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ENVIRONMENT MAY**

5/8/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Skip Loescher

WATER TASTE TEST

How does your water taste? Well, today lawmakers wanted to find out who has the best tasting H-2-o and why? It's an effort to improve the taste of water for everyone. Skip Loescher reports.

1:01 – Package

Mark Dickey – W. Central Iowa Water Association

5/10/01, 11 PM, Thursday Alan Jennings

ROUTE 22 DANGERS

The government says that Rt 22 between Monroeville and Altoona is one of the most dangerous highways in America. Here's Alan Jennings with a look at the trucks that carry hazardous chemicals along that stretch of highway.

2:11 – Package

5/11/01, 11 PM, Friday Alison Burns

DANGEROUS TOXINS

Kelly Preston and Olivia Newton-John are in Washington D.C. joining a top children's environmental group in fighting against dangerous toxins. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the story.

2:05 – Package

Kelly Preston – Actress

Olivia Newton-John – Coalition spokesperson

Nancy Chuda – Coalition founder

5/18/01, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Alan Jennings

NO WARNING / HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS

It is an embarrassing admission, but the U.S. Department of Transportation says it doesn't have sufficient or reliable information on the hazardous chemicals that travel through this country. What does that mean for those of us who drive everyday on Pennsylvania highways? Alan Jennings from our sister station in Pittsburgh has the details.

2:26 – Package

Harley Grey – Head of Westmoreland County's Hazmat Team

5/18/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Friday Julie Sidoni

CAMBRIA HAZMAT

Yesterday's chemical leak at a Blair County company is raising some questions today, questions about how much hazardous material is in your neighborhood and what plans are in effect to keep you safe. Julie Sidoni has been following this story and she joins us live with more.

:55 – Package

:16 – Live

Ron Springer – Cambria County 911

Jeff Mulligan – Waste Water Treatment

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5/18/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Alison Burns

CLEAN BEACHES

Memorial Day weekend is only a week away so some of us could be making plans to head to the beach. Today the Clean Beaches Council released its third annual list of the cleanest and safest beaches in the country. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns is standing by live in Washington to tell us what's on the list.

1:22 – Package

:18 – Live

Walter McLeod – Clean Beaches Council

Shawn Norton – National Park Service

Robert Wayland – EPA

5/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Brigitte Langmade

SEATBELT SAFETY

Cops across the country are lowering the boom on unbuckled drivers. A nationwide crackdown was announced today targeting seatbelt violators. Meanwhile, a new report has some disturbing news about seatbelt enforcement. NewsCenter 6's Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:00 – Package

5/22/01, 5 / 11 PM, Tuesday Alison Burns

PHONE BAN

By now, we all know it is dangerous to drive and talk on a cell phone at the same time. Lot's of drivers, though, do it anyway. But soon, they may have to stop. Congress is considering a ban on using cell phones while driving. NewsCenter 6's Alison Burns has the story.

1:50 – Package

Dave Van – Cell phone user

Sen. John Corzine – New Jersey

Rep. Gary Ackerman – New York

5/24/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

OZONE AWARENESS

With the warmer summer weather comes added health warnings and they include increased risks from an invisible threat, that being ozone which can cause serious respiratory problems. With more on the dangers of ozone and how Penn State researchers are learning more about it, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:20 – Package

:16 – Live

Destiny Myers – American Lung Association

Jon Ferdinand – Penn State researcher

David Aldenderfer – DEP Air Quality Manager

5/30/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jenn Kallin

SPEED LIMITS

A government study shows that the 65 mile per hour speed limit in Pennsylvania could be causing more fatal accidents. The report shows that fatalities are up more than 30 per cent on highways since the state moved the speed limit from 55 to 65.

:31 – SOT/VO

Asbury Lee – PennDOT

SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE MAY

Extra 5/7/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra examines sanitation at the salad bar. Food chemist Ron Schnitzer reveals that salad bars hold a host of bacteria, much of which comes from nasal passages or infections and cuts on someone else's hands. He offers tips on ways to find a cleaner salad bar so that eating a healthy salad really is a healthy experience.

Show #: 7209

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Ricki Lake 5/07/01

Host: Ricki Lake

All parents try to teach their children to be safe – not talk to strangers or get into a car driven by someone they don't know or someone who has been drinking. Today, children are tested to see if they're getting the message and experts offer advice on how best to teach your child to stay safe.

Show #: 8175

Syndicator: Columbia Tristar

Extra 5/31/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra reports on a sweet fruit that could have a deadly after-taste. Salmonella poisoning from bad cantaloupe has killed two people in California and the scare is spreading from coast to coast. Four dozen cases have been reported in fourteen states. The culprit is the Viva brand of cantaloupe sporting germs on the skin.

Show #: 7231

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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6/06/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Chris May

GRILL SAFETY

Even though it doesn't feel like Summer, many of you have already gotten the grill up and running. But as Chris May reports, while you may be an expert cook, there's still a lot to learn about grill safety.

1:44 – Package

Paul Tierney – Dept. of Public Health

Dr. Carlo Rosen – E.R. physician

Priscilla Neves – Div. Of Food and Drugs

6/07/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

TRIGGER LOCKS

In Centre County today, gun dealers were helping to make sure you keep your weapons safely. They were the ones today handing out free trigger locks for firearms designed to prevent a gun from accidentally firing. With more on the safety effort, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

:53 – Package

:14 – Live

6/08/01, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

WIND FARM

A Somerset County wind farm is drawing world-wide attention. The Green Power technology is growing in popularity as the price gap between conventional electricity and wind-powered utilities narrows.

1:32 – Package

John Holtz – Green Mountain Energy

Vily Frenk – Venezuela

6/12/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Elaine Quijano

SAFE RESTAURANT PLAYGROUNDS

Is the play area at your neighborhood fast food restaurant safe for your kids? Burger King is recalling the netting on its play area across the country. Elaine Quijano has the story.

1:22 – Package

6/13/01, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Miranda Gresko

CYCLE SAFETY

In the light of the weekend bicycle fatality in Logan Township, cyclists need to take to heart the importance of bicycle safety, especially during the summer months. Knowing the rules of the road can go a long way in keeping your kids safe. Miranda Gresko has more.

1:26 – Package

Byron Deshong – Pedal Power

Rick Johnson – Altoona Police

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6/13/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

NEW PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM

A Jefferson County community becomes the first in the state to implement a program to protect pedestrians. Punxsutawney now has florescent green markers at several intersections in town, warning drivers to yield for pedestrians.

:28 - SOT/VO

John Hallman - Punxsutawney mayor

6/18/01, 5 PM, Monday John Zarrella

LIGHTNING STRIKE

"Fast as lightning" takes on a new meaning when people realize that the bright flashes can be killers. On average, 73 people die each year in the U.S. from lightning strikes. John Zarrella sheds some light on electrical storm related damages.

2:12 - Package

Tony Scott - Lightning strike victim

Ron Holle - Meteorologist

Dr. Maryanne Cooper - University of Illinois

6/19/01, 5 PM, Tuesday Dennis Murphy

DISTRACTED DRIVERS

Tonight on Dateline, there's an important story that could save your life, distracted drivers. Dennis Murphy takes a look at what could happen when you take your eyes off the road.

1:36 - Package

6/19/01, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Derrol Nail

LIGHTNING AND GOLF

Lightning is the second leading cause of direct weather deaths in the U.S., killing more people than tornadoes and hurricanes combined. If you're a golfer, that is disturbing news. Derrol Nail takes a look at how more and more golf courses are giving their golfers early warning on approaching thunderstorms.

1:34 - Package

6/20/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

GRADUATED DRIVER'S LICENSES

The Transportation Department and AAA say new licensing laws have prevented accidents and saved lives. As NewsCenter 6's Landra Booker reports, they credit the success of graduated driver licensing laws.

1:18 - Package

Jennifer Reeves - Victim's mother

Susan Pikrallidas - AAA Vice president

Don Meier - Hiram G. Andrews Center

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6/21/01, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

LIGHTNING SAFETY

On average, 73 people across the country die each year from lightning strikes. That's almost as many as tornado and hurricane-related deaths combined. One of the biggest misconceptions about lightning is you have to be under a thunderstorm to be at risk.

:48 - VO

6/25/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Kendis Gibson

NY CELL PHONE BAN

New York is about to become the first state in the country to ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. As soon as the legislature gives its final approval, Governor George Pataki is expected to sign the bill. Kendis Gibson has the latest from New York.

1:11 - Package

Gov. George Pataki - New York

6/25/01, 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

SMOKEY CERTIFICATION

It doesn't happen all that often, but now fire fighters in the city of Johnstown are prepared. The department is the first full-time career department in the State to become certified in fighting forest fighters. Why? Lisa Stofko explains.

1:29 - Package

Chief Mike Huss - Johnstown Fire Dept.

Jim Bloom - D.C.N.R. Fire Inspector

6/28/01, 11 PM, Thursday Julie Vallese

FIREWORKS SAFETY

The 4th of July wouldn't be the same without fireworks. But illegal explosives and holiday celebrations just don't mix. Julie Vallese has more on how to stay out of the E.R. this Independence Day.

1:42 - Package

Ann Brown - CPSC Chairman

Stacey Miller - Fireworks victim

Julie Heckman - American Pyrotechnics Assoc.

SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE / ENVIRONMENT JUNE

Extra 6/11/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra examines safety seats and devices for children on airplanes. Ten thousand infants and toddlers fly everyday on commercial airlines. The FAA reports that every year dozens are injured and killed because parents choose to hold them on their laps rather than buy an additional seat on the plane. Extra explains the options available for keeping children safe when flying.

Show #: 7239

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

Extra 6/20/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

Extra reports on news released today from the Allied Pilots Association that blames 15 airplane crashed over the past ten years on pilot fatigue. An examination of FAA law shows how the 8-hour rest rule is not enforced and doesn't provide for time to and from the terminal, checking into hotels, or getting meals. For airlines, it's a tradeoff of profits for safety and for flyers, the cost may be their lives.

Show #: 7248

Syndicator: Warner Brothers

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4/03/01, 5:30 / 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

PENN STATE CAREER CENTER

Work has begun today on a long-awaited Career Service center at Penn State, aimed at helping students find employment opportunities. However, with the downturn in the economy, what kind of challenges will those getting ready to graduate from college face in trying to land a new job? With more on this year's job market, Gary Sinderson joins us live from State College.

1:10 – Package

:22 – Live

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

Jack Rayman – PSU Career Services Director

Angela Gambardella – Penn State Student

Brian Fatzinger – Penn State Student

4/04/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Rick Shepard

CHANGING JOBS

If you're working harder and enjoying it less, you have plenty of company. The solution may be to change jobs, even careers, but it's certainly not one to be taken lightly. Rick Shepard has some of the signs that it may be time for a change.

2:33 – Package

Bill Dolan – Changed Careers

Celia Crossley – Career Counselor

4/09/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Monday Kitty Pilgrim

HOT JOB SECTORS

Hundreds of workers across our area have been laid off. In spite of that, experts say the economic outlook is not that bad. Depending on where you look, the unemployment rate is low and job availability is high. Kitty Pilgrim has more.

1:47 – Package

Ken Goldstein – Economist

Peter Weddle – Author

4/09/01, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Christie Seibert

HIGH TECH INITIATIVE

Local plant and business closings have left many wondering about the future of our region. Johnstown Area Regional Industries, JARI, has an initiative to stop the economic bleeding and spur the growth of high-tech jobs. Christie Seibert joins us with more.

1:00 – Package

:19 – Live

Ed Sheehan, Jr. – JARI

Jack Anderson – Promistar Bank

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4/17/01, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

MAIN STREET MANAGERS

Downtown revitalization is not just about revamping Main Street anymore. It's a powerful tool to promote regional economic development. Pennsylvania's Main Street Managers program, started 20 years ago, lost many of its participants when funding ran out. Now the state is adapting the program to enable more communities to take advantage of it. Lisa Stofko joins us live with more.

1:05 – Package

:19 – Live

Diana Kerr – Main Street Coordinator

4/18/01, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Landra Booker

INTERESTS RATES

There's a pleasant surprise from the Federal Reserve tonight and it has caused a rally in stock prices today. It's also a sign that there's better business news to come. Landra Booker has more from NewsCenter 6's Washington D.C. newsroom.

1:10 – Package

:18 – Live

Loren Danielson – Financial analyst

4/18/01, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

MURTHA TOURISM

Investing in the future by showing off the past – that's the plan of one area lawmaker to bring more tourism dollars to Pennsylvania. Tourism is a multi-million dollar industry in Pennsylvania and a possible increase could provide the boost the Laurel Highlands really needs.

1:10 – Package

John Murtha – Representative 12th District

It started with the random murder of a classmate. Now, an anti-violence movement at Johnstown High School is gaining momentum. Students there are determined to make a difference.

1:28 – Package

Portia Witten – Organizer

Curt Davis – Student Assistant Coordinator

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Extra 4/12/01

Host: Leeza Gibbons

When it's your job that is eliminated, you go through the whole process of denial or healing, or anger. But after the shock wears off, it's time to ask yourself, "What do I do now?" In this Extra report, Hotjobs.com's Dimitri Boylan has some tips to help laid-off workers find new jobs.

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